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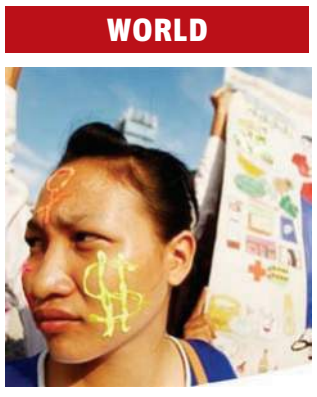

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated left, and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, seated right, join children, parents, child care providers, and other stakeholders for a group photo after signing a proclamation yesterday declaring May 10 Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. Inos and Hofschneider also proclaimed May 5 to 11 National Prevention Week, and May as CNMI Tourism Month, the highlights of which include tomorrow's kickoff of the annual Taste of the Marianas at the American Memorial Park.

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NMC Hart's contract renewed

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REPORTER

After deliberating for hours, the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents voted yesterday to renew the two-year employment contract of NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D.

Hart

The decision was unanimously approved by all seven board members after a lengthy and intense closed-door deliberation on her performance evaluation yesterday.

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NMC CHARTER DAY TODAY

Northern Marianas College employees Phillip Fejeran, left, and James Deleon Guerrero put the finishing touches on the stage for the annual Charter Day Celebration today. The community is invited to the celebration, which is from 4pm to 10pm at NMC's As Terlaje campus.

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CNMI improved status intact in substitute immigration bill

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A U.S. Senate bill granting a pathway to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented immigrants in America was substituted Wednesday night (Saipan time) but Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) assured yesterday that the CNMI-specific provision allowing long-term foreign workers to apply for improved status was untouched by the "manager's amendment."

» **Governor, delegate push for 2013 minimum wage increase delay in 2013**

The previous 844-page bill, S. 744, now has 867 pages, Sablan said.

The CNMI-specific provision now starts on page 146.

"I also took notice of the manager's amendment in the form of a substitute to S. 744 and was very pleased to see that the Northern Mariana Islands language in the manager's amendment remains intact and

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NY ruling denies NMI bid to collect $36M from Millard

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A New York Court of Appeals ruling on Tuesday makes it harder for the CNMI to collect $36 million in taxes from computer tycoon William Millard. The Inos administration said last night it is "dismayed" by this development although they believe "this is not the end of the road."

» **Inos administration: This is not end of the road**

Millard

Millard, once listed as among America's richest and founder of ComputerLand Corp., allegedly owes the CNMI some $118 million, inclusive of the $36 million in initial income tax liability, plus interest on judgments.

The Millards briefly resided in the CNMI during which time they sold their interests in ComputerLand for over $200 million.

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ON REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Hospital's governing body empowers unit managers

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Unit supervisors and program managers in key departments of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. now have a say on the budget planning for next fiscal year, according to the corporation's governing body.

Newly installed interim CEO Esther Muña revealed this on her first day in office, disclosing that the corporation has empowered these mid-level officers to take part in the budget preparation by incorporating actual budgetary numbers in their unit's operations.

Muña

The corporation board earlier ordered the revision of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014, unsatisfied with the numbers provided by the previous CEO, Juan N. Babauta.

Muña disclosed that the revised budget is expected to be completed in a week's time and has input from unit managers who best know their operational numbers.

When the original budget proposal was put together, Muña admitted that management didn't meet and consult with the managers about their actual operational figures, basing the numbers on previous budget submissions.

"Inaccuracies" in the first proposal, Muña said, were also due to the short time given to put together the spending plan.

Babauta's first budget submission on April 1 projected revenues and collections to reach $34 million next fiscal year. Muña said this mistakenly included uncompensated care, which includes unsubsidized medical expenses for prison inmates, the indigent population, and local matching requirements for the Medicaid program, among others.

Based on that first proposal, the corporation would only achieve a balanced budget if it will be compensated for these losses, Muña said.

"In some ways, it was done in a short time. We really didn't meet with the managers and look at their specific numbers. [For the revised budget submission] we had a follow up meeting with our unit managers and looked at every single unit. Our acting CFO [Cora Ada] is now looking at the budget based on the numbers provided by these managers," said Muña.

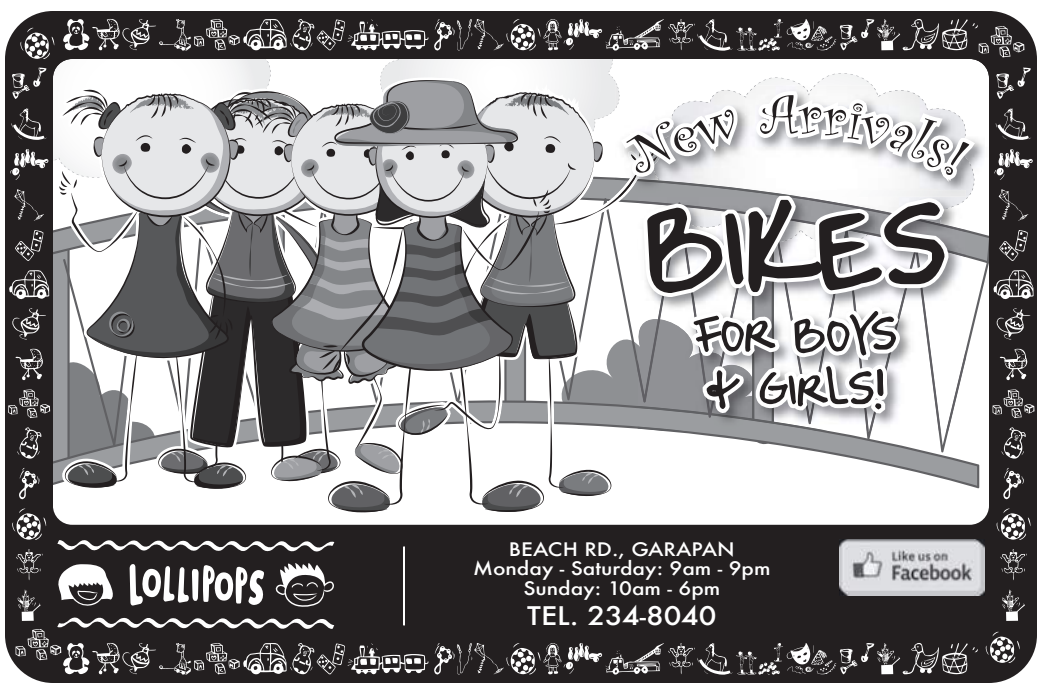
Muna expects the new budget plan to be lower than the first one. The final numbers will be known next week.

Under the fiscal year 2014 budget plan he submitted to the Legislature, Gov. Eloy S. Inos allocated $1.96 million for the corporation's operations. This amount is similar to the corporation's budget this fiscal year.

Muña said this proposed budget included $240,000 for the prison inmates' medical costs, one of the agency's uncompensated care.

Muña earlier disclosed that the corporation's actual monthly collection is about $1.7 million: $900,000 in upfront collection and about $800,000 in Medicare reimbursement.

She said the financial survival of the hospital greatly depends on the corporation's ability to generate its own revenue to sustain its personnel and operational needs.



Faisao no longer with grants management

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that former Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary Melvin Faisao has been "dismissed" from the Office of Grants Management and the position may be advertised instead. Meanwhile, Department of Commerce deputy secretary Ivan Blanco will be laterally transferred to OGM as a grants management specialist.

"[Faisao's] position is going to be opened competitively and we take it from there so Mr. Faisao is essentially, his tenure with us has been reversed," the governor told reporters after signing three proclamations yesterday morning.

Some lawmakers said this is welcome news, considering that Faisao, they said, does not have the requisite qualifications.

Faisao worked at OGM for a few days starting last week, but Inos said no one should work for the government without all the paperwork in place. Faisao's papers, for example, have yet to reach the governor's desk.

If and when the position is advertised, however, Faisao can still apply for the job.

Inos also said that Commerce's Blanco will be laterally transferred to OGM as the administration tries to "consolidate all the grant management activities into the grants office."

Blanco, when asked for comment, said his transfer takes effect next week.

"[This is] in line with the government's efforts to resolve outstanding audit findings having to do with federal grants compliance, lost grant opportunities, and a centralized management of all federal grants," Blanco told *Saipan Tribune.*

The governor's proposed fiscal year 2014 budget removes all deputy positions, such as the one that Blanco currently holds at Commerce. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

NMC Charter Day set today

To help celebrate student achievement, employee contributions, and the founding of the institution, the Northern Marianas College will be celebrating its Charter Day today, May 3, 2013, and the community is invited.

The theme of this year's Charter Day is "32 Years of Making Dreams Happen," which speaks to the college's role in helping thousands of students realize their dreams through higher education.

"Charter Day is an important celebration because it's the one time of the year where all the community is invited to As Terlaje to join NMC students and employees commemorate the establishment of the college," said NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D. "The college has positively impacted so many people in the community for the past 32 years, and we are extremely happy with the support we have received from the community members, including many local companies."

The event will kick off at 4pm with the presentation of the annual PROA Awards, which include Student of the Year, Instructional Faculty of the Year, Non-Instructional Faculty of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, and Alumnus of the Year. These awards recognize the contributions of students and employees, and the recipients of the award will get prizes, including their own reserved parking stall at NMC for one full year.

The evening portion (5pm to 10pm) of the event will feature the Marianas Idol Singing Competition, the Battle of the Bands, and the Clash of the Crews Dance Competition, and the Hilux Truck & Sport Compact Car Show Competition. Scheduled performers include PROA Music Society, Glenn Mesina, the Inatuas, Latte Vibes, and others.

Delicious food, drinks and games will also be offered for sale by numerous vendors, including Creative Garlik, Buttercups, Blue Sea Diner, Auntie Mag's, Tropical Chill, Local Mexican Grill, Shirley's, Poon's, Super Frosty, Matty's, Hula Girl, Jolog's Barbeque, Peleliu Athlete's Club, PCC Corp., U2 Gifts, and other vendors. Informational booths will also be hosted by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the College Access Challenge Grant Program, Area Health Education Center, Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps, and other organizations.

Because the event will be streamed live online, anyone off island or anyone not able to attend the Charter Day festivities can still watch the program by visiting the following site: www.ustream.tv/channel/nmc-30th-charterday. ***(NMC)***

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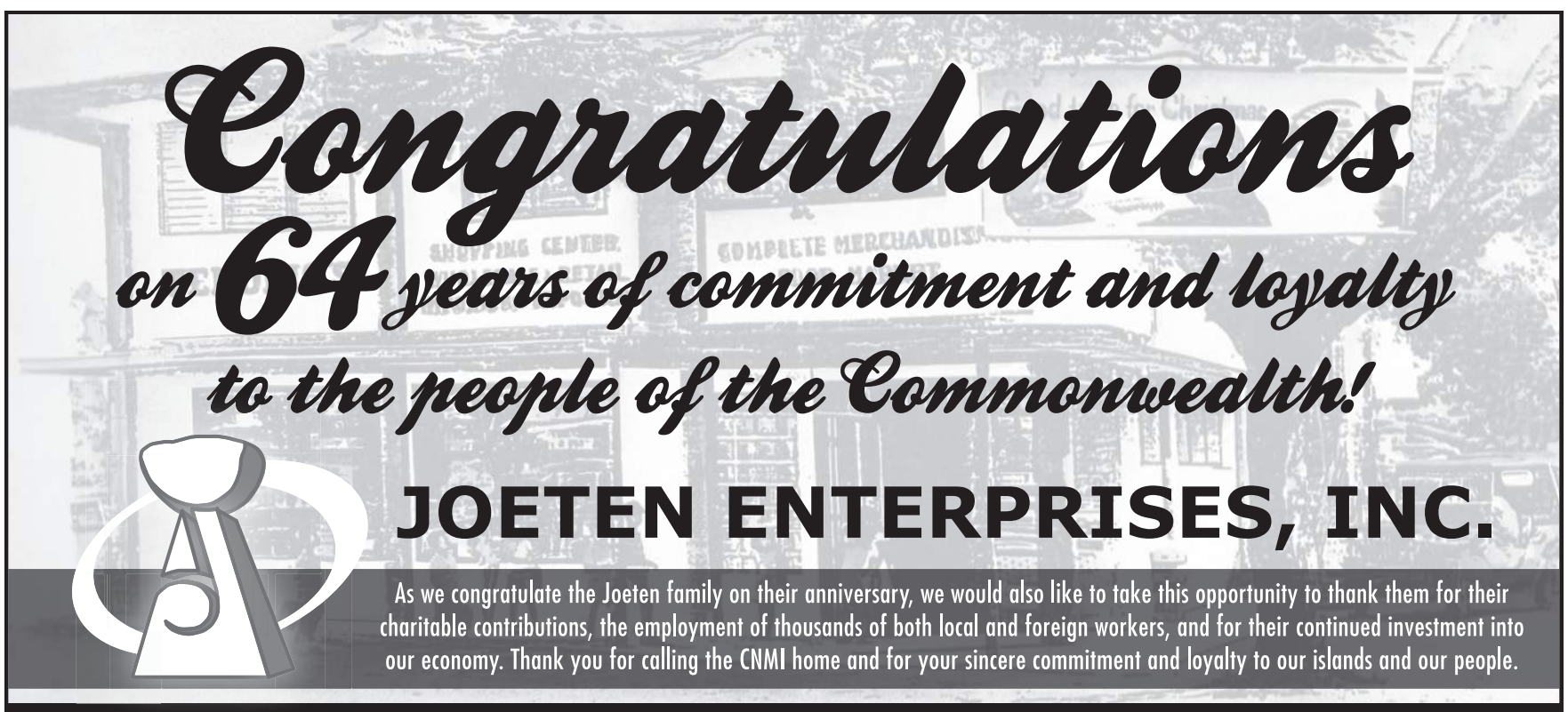
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TOURISM MONTH
Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are joined by Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, along with other private and public stakeholders during yesterday's proclamation signing that declared May as CNMI Tourism Month. As part of the celebration, the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas will be held tomorrow and every Saturday in May, while Tinian's celebration of the San Jose fiesta will be held from today to Sunday.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

MILLARD

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On Tuesday, New York's Court of Appeals ruled that Toronto-based Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce or CIBC could not be ordered to turn over assets held at its Cayman Islands subsidiary to enforce judgments.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said it's unfortunate that the courts ruled against the CNMI based on their findings.

"This was one option the Commonwealth sought in an effort to recover funds that are due to the government. …Still, this is not the end of the road. This is just one component of the Commonwealth's efforts. We will continue to look at all other available options in this case," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the administration is "more so dismayed than surprised" by the court ruling.

Through New York-based Kobre & Kim law firm, the CNMI had sought a court order for CIBC to turn over assets that the Millards allegedly deposited at a Cayman Islands subsidiary.

The CNMI tried to get CIBC's New York branch to garnish the assets.

CIBC opposed the request, saying that under New York law, it could not be ordered to turn over assets of a foreign bank subsidiary.

New York's Court of Appeals ruled in their favor when it said CIBC could not be ordered to turn over assets held at its Cayman Islands subsidiary to enforce the judgments. It also said CIBC needed to have custody or possession of the assets, not just control over the subsidiary.

Demapan said the administration reserves comment on legal strategies it plans to undertake, given that the Millard matter is "still an active case."

The CNMI appealed to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That court asked New York's Court of Appeals for guidance in interpreting state law on the issue.

The CNMI tapped New York-based Kobre & Kim law firm in 2010 to go after the Millards' unpaid taxes plus interests and judgments, which is more than the CNMI's fiscal year 2013 budget of $114 million.

Meanwhile, Millard's unfinished castle and mansion in Papago will be housing a Chinese firm called Nereus Corp. for its real estate and diving business on Saipan in May, but some of the families who have been living in the property free of charge for several years questioned whether it is "proper and legal" for anyone to generate revenue from the property. ***(With Reuters)***

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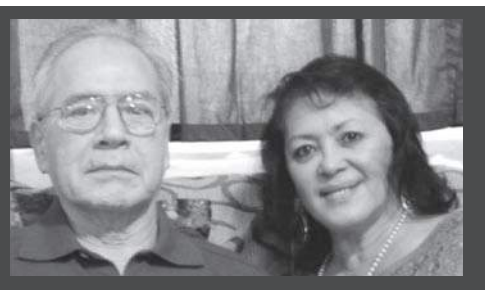

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unchanged," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The delegate said that getting the Northern Mariana Islands in S. 744 was important.

"It is equally important that we get similar language in a House bill. I will obviously need to continue to work hard to encourage my colleagues in the House to also include similar language in a comprehensive immigration reform legislation that they are working on," Sablan added.

The U.S. House of Representatives has yet to release its own immigration reform bill.

The bill that the U.S. Senate's "Gang of Eight" crafted allows six groups of long-term foreigners in the Commonwealth to apply for a CNMI-only permanent resident status within months of the bill's enactment into law. These include those who have been legally working in the CNMI since at least 2003.

After a five-year waiting period, these individuals with CNMI-only permanent resident status could start applying for a U.S. permanent resident status or "green card." This is a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

While the U.S. Senate's sweeping proposal to overhaul the nation's immigration system still has a long way to go before it reaches President Barack Obama's desk, if at all, it gives renewed hope to thousands of legal, long-term foreign workers that have helped build the CNMI economy.

The U.S. Senate bill's introduction comes at a time when the CNMI is also asking for a five-year extension of the federal immigration transition period beyond Dec. 31, 2014, for continued access to over 12,000 foreign workers.

Minimum wage

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday he would ask for a postponement of the annual 50-cent minimum wage increase this year, and have it resumed next year.

"But I'm basically following the lead of Congressman Kilili because it's sensitive back there. But we've basically talked and agreed to ask for a stay on the current wage at least until this thing settles down and the economy improves a little bit," the governor said.

The CNMI's current minimum wage is $5.55 an hour. Under federal law, it should increase to $6.05 an hour in September 2013.

Inos said he would like to propose an "every other year" instead of "every year" increase in minimum wage.

"The increase will still go on but extend the frequency or the rate of increase to allow it for every other year," he added.

Sablan separately said yesterday that they are "working to strike a balance where workers are protected but that jobs are not lost, or businesses close, because of the increase in wage."

He said he has discussed this matter with the governor and met with workers, employers, and business organizations.

"I have had conversations with [the U.S. Government Accountability Office] who will in April 2014 issue their triennial government accountability office report on the impact of the minimum wage increase for the Northern Mariana Islands. Leadership on both sides of the aisle in the House Committee on Education and the Workforce have also been kept very well informed of this matter," he said.

Since July 2007, there has been an 82-percent increase in the CNMI minimum wage at a time when GDP has decreased for six consecutive years until the 2.3 percent increase in 2010.

"We need to balance these because while our economy is now seeing a slight improvement, that progress is still very fragile," Sablan said.

He added that whatever decision will be on the minimum wage, "we have to also keep in mind that workers need to be paid decent wages."

"And while there continues to be some in our business community who do not want wages increased, that cannot ever be allowed. Wages will increase. But that increase must be balanced so that it does not force businesses to let employees go or to close because of the wage increase," Sablan added.

HART

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Contract negotiation will now begin for a new salary package for the CEO. Hart currently receives $80,000 per annum on top of her $800 monthly housing allowance.

Regents chair Juan T. Lizama expressed satisfaction with the voting results, saying all regents reached an "amicable agreement" on what's really the main goal of the board.

Lizama said that all regents are convinced that "Dr. Hart can do the job at the college."

The motion to renew Hart's contract, endorsed by Malua Peter and seconded by Elaine Orilla-Hocog, was not discussed by members in the open session.

During the voting period, however, Andrew Orsini requested that his vote be called only after all his colleagues have already cast theirs. Orsini chaired the ad-hoc committee that was supposed to evaluate Hart.

In the end, Orsini voted "yes" after fellow regents William Torres, Frank Rabauliman, Michaela Sanchez, Peters, Orilla, and Lizama made known their decisions.

Hart later told *Saipan Tribune* that she is very pleased with the board's decision. She vowed to perform her best and deliver on the board's expectations, especially when it comes to having NMC's accreditation reaffirmed. She said it's a critical time for her, the board, and the college to now "move forward" and "be on the same page."

According to Lizama, the board evaluated Hart based on institutional goals and the results were compiled and attached to the president's personal profile.

Besides the college's accreditation, Lizama said the board also expects Hart "to continue to strive for a better relationship with her constituents" during her second term.

Faculty members earlier gave Hart a no-confidence vote but the board later invalidated the vote due to its lack of quorum.

Hart admitted yesterday that, despite the faculty action being found unconstitutional, what was made clear is that there are issues and concerns that need to be resolved. According to her, leadership criticism is common in any organization and NMC is not an exemption.

"I am planning to sit down with leaders of the various groups…because the more individuals, the more messages and information that can move forward. The issue here is communication…and it goes both ways," she said.

When asked about her new salary package, Hart said that both parties will negotiate on what is fair.

Lizama refused to comment on this pending the completion of negotiations. *Saipan Tribune* learned that results will be known before the expiration of Hart's contract on July 4.

On the issue of possible retaliation against employees who have criticized her, Hart had only this to say: "In an organization like this college, we have to be on the same theme, we have to look at institutional values. And I will say this…if people are not on the same theme and if these people are not willing to be on the same theme…this may not be the place for that person. We are going to move forward and everyone has to do it appropriately," said Hart.

She promised to stay on for the duration of her new contract. "Right now, we will be entering into a negotiation and no one knows what will it bring out…but my commitment today is, yes, I will help this institution to get through. I truly believe that this is not the best time to lose its president," she said.

Hart said she learned a lot from her first two years at NMC and that included, among others, understanding more about cultural differences and sensitivity. The president bared her plans of writing a book on her experiences at NMC to help other and future college CEOs here and abroad.

Federal agents arrest man in alleged fake marriage

Federal agents have arrested a Bangladeshi national who is allegedly in a sham marriage for the sole purpose of obtaining permanent residency in the United States.

Mohammed Mohedul Islam was arrested early this week and brought to the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday for his initial appearance.

Islam was arrested after the U.S. government filed an indictment charging him with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, three counts of false statement to a government agency, one count of concealment of material fact, and one count of false statement on an immigration document.

The indictment was sealed but designated Judge Robert C. Naraja granted the U.S. government's motion to unseal the case yesterday.

Islam appeared with court-appointed counsel Colin Thompson. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton appeared for the U.S. government.

Islam pleaded not guilty.

Naraja set the jury trial for July 8, 2013.

Islam was released on his own recognizance, to the custody of Leonilia Rasiang Sablan.

According to the indictment, Islam and others conspired to convince officials of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that he and a woman with the initials J.A.C. were living together in a legitimate marriage when in fact they were not.

According to the U.S. government, in preparation for his submission of immigration paperwork to USCIS and to make his marriage appear legitimate, Islam opened a joint bank account with J.A.C. at Bank of Guam, signed a lease agreement for an apartment in Gualo Rai to make it appear that they live together in one house, and signed a rental agreement for a mailbox to generate evidence of a joint mailing address.

In November 2009, Islam caused J.A.C.'s grandmother to sign an affidavit wherein the grandmother falsely attested that she had visited the two "at their home" and "had seen them to have a good relationship as husband and wife."

The U.S. government claims that Islam is still married to a woman named Nasrin in Bangladesh and that he has a daughter and a son with her. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Jury awards $852K to woman hit by car

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A Superior Court jury yesterday found a poker operator liable to pay $852,400.57 in damages to a pedestrian who was injured after she hit her with a vehicle along Beach Road in San Antonio in 2010.

The six jurors were unanimous in their verdict that Hyoun Min Oh was negligent and that her negligence caused the injury to plaintiff Caiyun Mu.

The jurors did not find Mu negligent.

The jurors awarded Mu $800,000 in non-economic damages and $52,400.57 in economic damages, for a total of $852,400.57.

Attorney Victorino DLG. Torres, counsel for Mu, told *Saipan Tribune* that they are thankful to the jurors for all their hard work and the attention they gave throughout the trial.

"They were awesome and fun to work with. The attention and care that they gave was unbelievable," Torres said.

He said the jurors can say with confidence that they have done the right thing to compensate Mu for the injuries she suffered.

"We hope that the defendant would respect the jurors' decision and compensate our client without further legal proceeding," Torres said.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from Oh's counsel, Mark Scoggins.

The trial began last week. The jurors started deliberating on Wednesday. Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja presided over the trial.

According to the complaint, Mu was walking along Beach Road, on the shoulder of the northbound lane and in front of the Thailand Food Store in San Antonio, on Feb. 4, 2010, when she was hit by the car being driven by Oh, who was speeding and out of her lane.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider proclaimed yesterday May as CNMI Tourism Month, the highlights of which include the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas beginning tomorrow and every Saturday in May, and Tinian’s celebration of the San Jose fiesta from today to Sunday.

Taste of the Marianas will once again transform American Memorial Park’s grounds in Garapan into an international food festival and beer garden, giving tourists and residents a full serving of food, fun, and entertainment for four Saturday nights.

“Take ownership of this industry,” the governor said, referring to the CNMI’s single major industry that contributes some $850 million in direct and indirect economic impact on the local economy.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio and MVA’s Ed Diaz and Frank Tudela, along with other private and public stakeholders, urged the community to participate in the activities lined up for the month.

“Tourism is everybody’s business” remains the industry’s motto.

Tourism Month is off to a good start with tourist arrivals steadily increasing. In fiscal year 2013, arrivals are expected to grow by 7 percent based on air service from Japan and Korea, as well as increased charter flights from Beijing and new charter flights from the Russian cities of Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. Hotel occupancy rates are also at their highest since 1997.

Inos and Hofschneider also proclaimed May 10 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, recognizing early childhood professionals and raising awareness of the importance of quality child care and early learning opportunities.

They also proclaimed May 5 to 11 as National Prevention Week, highlighting the need to prevent and overcome mental and/or substance use disorders in the community.

A 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey that the Public School System administered reports that “23.9 percent of high school students smoked one or more cigarettes in the past 30 days, 41.4 percent had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days, 30.6 percent used marijuana one or more times in the past 30 days, and 18.1 percent seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months.”

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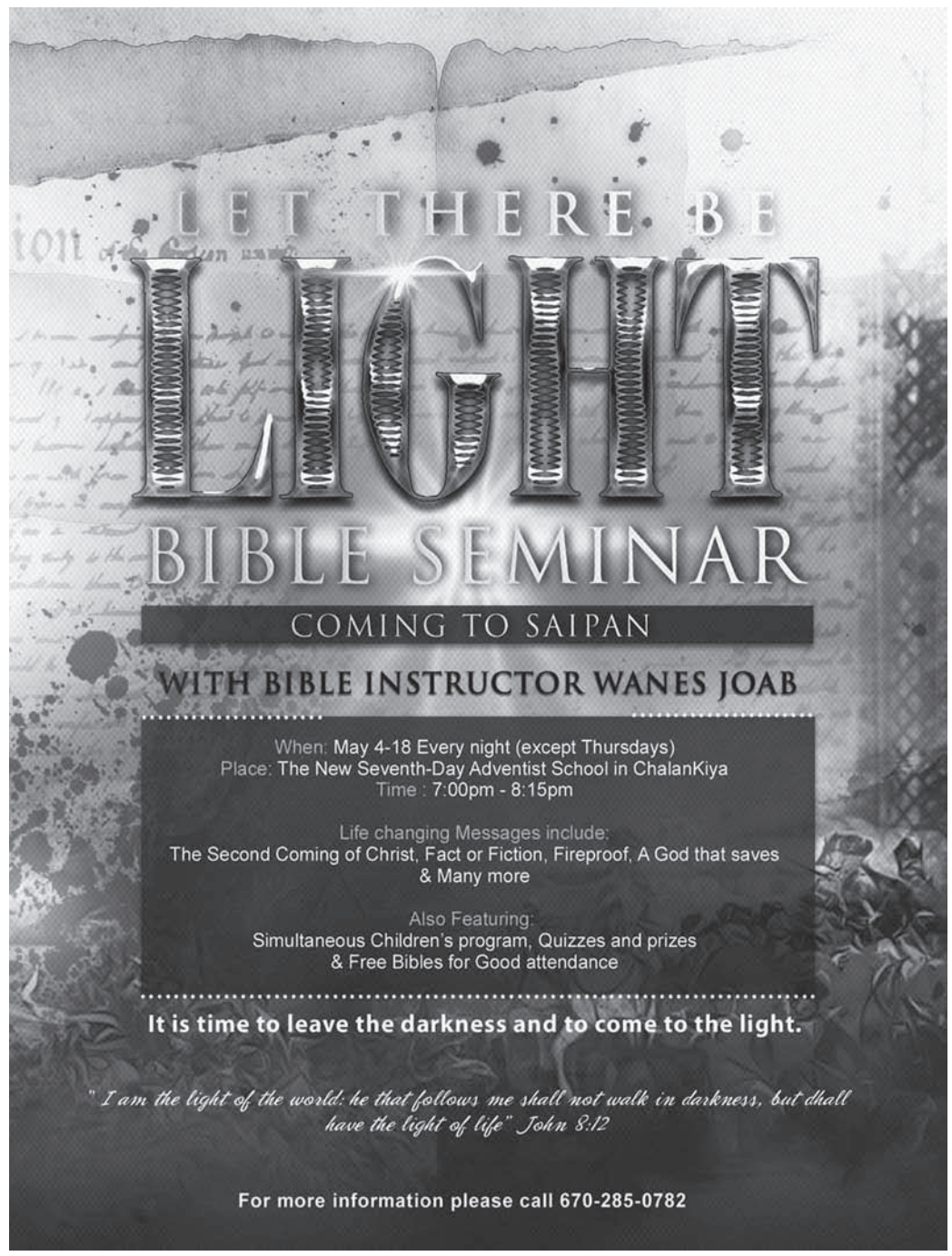
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NMC opposes repeal of scholarship regulation

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A bill that seeks to repeal a section of the CNMI Scholarship Regulations is facing strong opposition from Northern Marianas College and its Board of Regents, which say that the Legislature's chief concern about providing a waiver to students has already been addressed by an existing law.

Senate Bill 18-24 aims to remove the requirement that student must attend the NMC for their first two years of college. The Legislature believes this regulation is restrictive and discourages students from going to college off-island.

The college argues, however, that Section V, Requirement of Attendance at NMC, demonstrates fiscal responsibility and support for the value of an NMC education. It also provides a waiver for students to still receive scholarship funds if their field of study is not available at NMC.

During Wednesday's regular board meeting, the regents adopted a position to oppose the bill's passage.

Frankie Eliptico, NMC external relations office director, pointed out that Section V of the Scholarship Regulations already provides for a waiver for those students who want to study or major in any academic or technical area not available at NMC.

Exemptions to the NMC requirement are granted if students are able to provide a recommendation, offered by both NMC and the institution of choice, stating that the student cannot make a course selection that would allow at least 90 percent of the credits to transfer.

The same section of the regulation also provides for an appeals process on any decision made by the scholarship office.

NMC also disclosed that Section V ensures that limited CNMI funds go to individuals on a sustainable pathway toward earning a college degree.

Out of the average CNMI Scholarship Award in academic year 2012-2013 for NMC students, $1,800 represented about 63 percent of the annual tuition, fee, and book expenses for a full-time student.

In comparison, this award covers a mere 19 percent of the average cost of one year of in-state tuition and fees at a public four-year school in the U.S.

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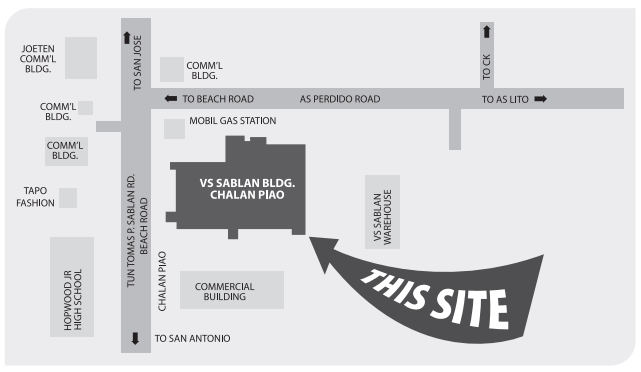

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Man punched in front of stunned tourists

A boat captain allegedly punched a diving shop employee in front of stunned customers at a beach side in western Garapan on Tuesday.

Quentin Michael Ngirarois, 46, and the victim were allegedly arguing over customers when Ngirarois attacked the victim.

Ngirarois was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $1,250 cash.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general James McAllister appeared for the government.

Police detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that, according to the victim, Ngirarois approached and confronted him why he referred Sakura Marine Sports customers to the Benki Marine Sports concession stand, which is adjacent to Sakura Marine Sports concession stand.

Before the victim could finish explaining, the suspect allegedly punched the victim on the left side of his face.

Aldan said a witness stated that he was surprised and shocked when Ngirarois suddenly punched the victim. The witness said some customers were shocked and scared of what they saw. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Court delays hearings in case vs casino, Que

The U.S. District Court for the NMI has granted the request of the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino to give it more time to send a representative to appear and answer the criminal charges filed against the casino.

Designated judge Robert C. Naraja reset the hearing from May 3 to May 17.

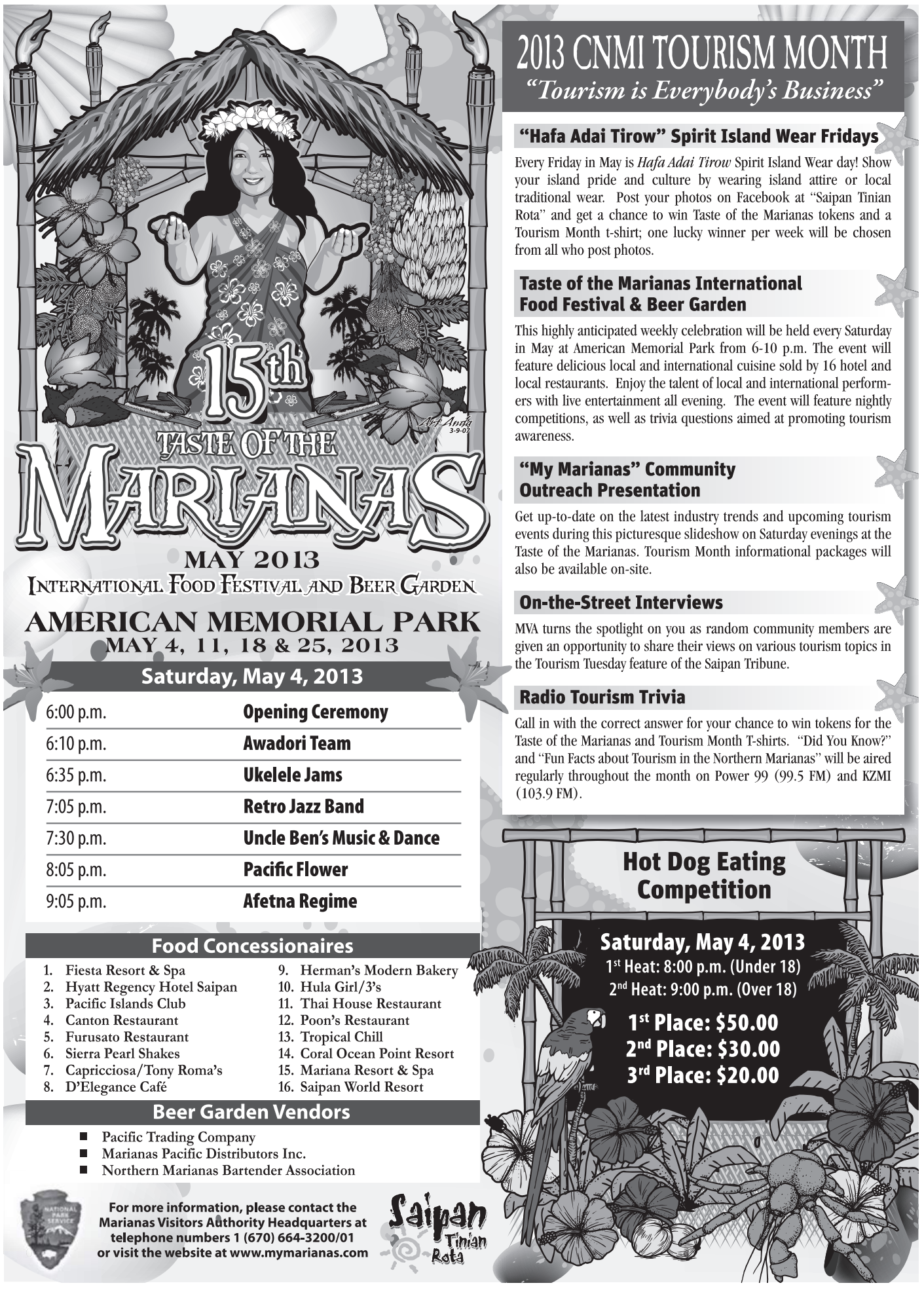
The U.S. government and TDHC VIP services manager George Que have also agreed to postpone the preliminary hearing from May 9 to May 17. Attorney Robert T. Torres is counsel for Que.

Attorney G. Anthony Long, counsel for Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd., asked the court to move the hearing scheduled for today, Friday, to May 17, 2013.

The U.S. government is accusing Hong Kong Entertainment, Que, and casino manager Tim Blythe of conspiring to allow gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing the required paperwork.

Federal law requires that a Currency Transaction Report be filed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for any currency transaction over $10,000.

Federal agents arrested Que last week; he was later released on bail. Blythe is at large. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 16 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.
"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation
Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site.
On-the-Street Interviews
MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Tuesday feature of the Saipan Tribune.
Radio Tourism Trivia
Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Did You Know?" and "Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas" will be aired regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (99.5 FM) and KZMI (103.9 FM).
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 3, 2004

NMI Judiciary gains independence

For the first time in CNMI history, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held its proceedings at the courtroom of the CNMI Supreme Court Friday—the last working day before it loses jurisdiction over the CNMI judiciary. The Ninth Circuit's Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder, Senior Judges J. Clifford Wallace, and Alfred T. Goodwin will be among the special guests to the Judicial Branch Commemorative Celebration to mark the CNMI Supreme Court's independence from the U.S. Court of Appeals beginning today. Officially, though, the Ninth Circuit has lost its appellate jurisdiction over the CNMI judiciary since yesterday. As such, the CNMI Supreme Court is now the highest court in the Commonwealth.

Private schools may get $2M federal grants

CNMI private schools may get up to $2 million in federal grants—a significant increase compared with last year's $500,000—when the expected consolidated funds are finally released for the current school year. Public School System finance director Richard Waldo said that $2 million is the estimated money for private schools while PSS would get some $7.8 million. PSS hopes to get some $10 million worth of consolidated funds from the U.S. Department of Education this month. The release of the money has been delayed due to the late submission of the CNMI's application for the grants.

May 3, 2005

One more NMI islands eyed for military use

The U.S. Department of Defense is moving to expand its training activities in the Northern Islands. The Defense Department and the CNMI government, through Lt. Gov. Diego Benavente, recently received approval from the Marianas Public Lands Authority to study the environmental effects that bombing activities might have on Anatahan and Sariguan. According to MPLA, the U.S. military is planning to use one of the two northern islands as ranges for "inert electronic training," which involves aiming non-explosive bombs to stationary electronic targets on land. Currently, the U.S. military conducts live fire training exercises on Farallon de Mendenilla. Live explosives inadvertently destroy the non-explosive targets, MPLA noted.

Govt sets up bonded warehouse program

The government has set up a bonded warehouse program, believed to pave the way for economic diversity and creation of local jobs. Press secretary Peter A. Callaghan said the administration, through the Department of Finance, has established the program "to find ways to jump start the local economy." "The program makes it more affordable to invest in the Commonwealth," he said, noting that bonded warehousing is designed to assist businesses and industries "by deferring tax payments until merchandize is actually on store shelves."

May 3, 2006

Group: Minimum wage hike a must

Although seemingly untimely in view of the current economic crisis, a local group of professionals still believes that raising the minimum wage of $3.05 an hour to reach the federal level of $5.15 per hour should now be implemented in the Commonwealth. The Enterprise Group, in its latest presentation paper, described the CNMI's wage level as "below the federal poverty guideline." The group, led by distinguished members of the local community, said there are a number of reasons that justify a review and consideration of the CNMI minimum wage laws by elected leaders. The first reason is to provide a decent living wage, it said.

DPH may sacrifice non-earning programs

To maximize its limited budget, the Department of Public Health may have to sacrifice a number of its programs, especially those that are non-revenue generating. DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said that, as part of belt-tightening measures he recently implemented, he has ordered a review of programs currently under the Division of Public Health and the Community Guidance Center. "We would have to reduce programs that are costing us money but yield less revenue," Villagomez said. "We would have to look at key programs that are running." CGC currently has 10 programs: Individual Counseling, Behavioral Services Case Management, Addictions, Assessment and Testings, Consultation, Couples Consulting, Family Counseling, Community Mental Health Services, Anger Management, and Prevention and Outreach program.

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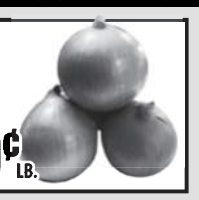

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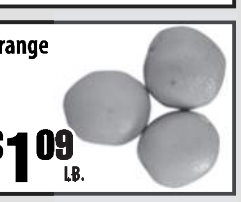

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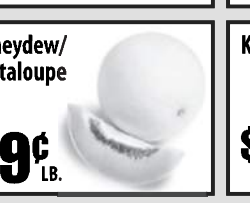

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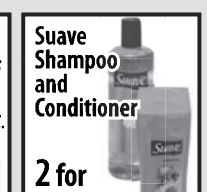

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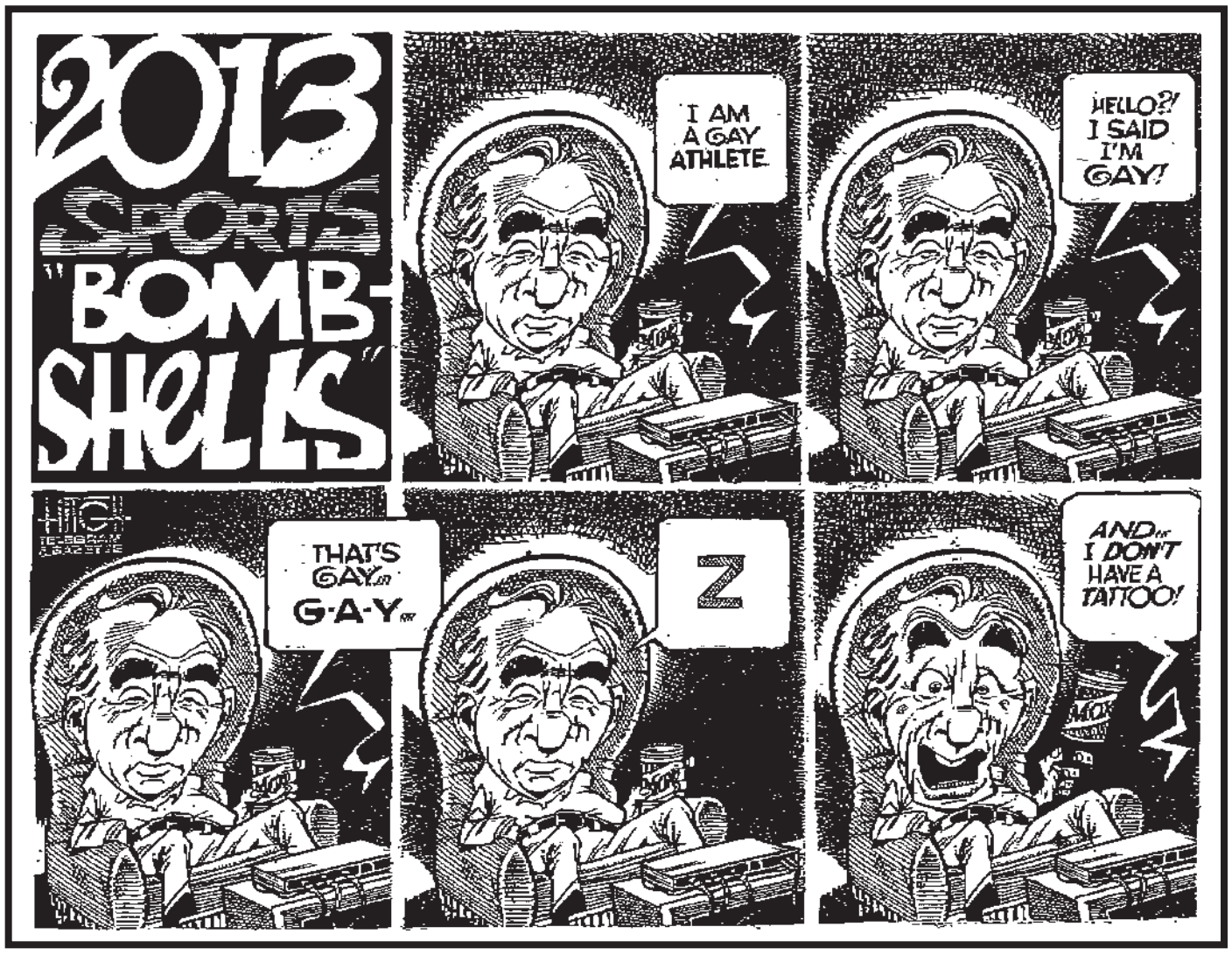

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For South Korea, no respect, no Kaesong

It's time for South Korea to face facts: The Kaesong experiment has failed. The ideologically motivated joint business venture with North Korea known as the Kaesong industrial complex is not economically viable, nor has it achieved any of its political objectives. To protest recent sanctions against it, the North pulled its workers out this month and locked out workers from the South.

Seoul tried to engage North Korea to resolve the dispute, coupled with an uncharacteristic deadline and a warning of "grave consequences." When Pyongyang rejected a dialogue, South Korea announced on Friday that it would recall its remaining 175 workers. Not very "grave" as consequences go, but at least Seoul had seized the initiative. South Korea did not divulge under what circumstances it would consider resuming the stalled venture.

Even if Pyongyang allows South Korean workers to return, Seoul should pause rather than plunging back in. But like an addicted gambler convinced one more throw of the dice will bring success, South Korea must first admit it has a problem.

When the complex opened in 2004, it was hailed for promoting Korean co-prosperity by marrying cheap North Korean labor with South Korean technology and entrepreneurialism. But the real intent was to push President Kim Dae-jung's "sunshine policy." Kim hoped that unconditional engagement would induce North Korean economic and political reform and moderate the regime's belligerent behavior.

Kaesong advocates predicted meteoric expansion, fueled by an ever-increasing number of South Korean and foreign firms. But the complex didn't even meet modest expectations. The anticipated benefits of cheap labor couldn't compensate for North Korean rejection of economic reform, as well as frequent production stoppages, security risks and plummeting business interest brought on by Pyongyang's actions.

There is now little South Korean economic incentive, corporate advocacy or political interest in expanding the complex. No large South Korean companies ever joined it. After North Korea sank the South Korean naval vessel Cheonan, President Lee Myung-bak severed all inter-Korean trade but exempted Kaesong. He did, however, prohibit any new investment. Even before the most recent round of North Korean threats, Kaesong was on life support with little hope of success.

Pyongyang politicized Kaesong by restricting access in retaliation for South Korea's co-sponsorship of a U.N. resolution on North Korean human rights, its participation in annual military exercises with the U.S., its membership in the Proliferation Security Initiative and for "insulting North Korea's dignity." North Korea also arbitrarily nullified existing contracts and demanded higher wages, retroactive taxes and preemptive rents.

Continuing the economic venture would be, in the words of a Korean adage, "pouring water into a cracked pot." Politically, the complex has been a fiasco. Kaesong has not led to any North Korean economic or political reforms. "To expect policy change

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Reacting, or overreacting, to terror

By MICHAEL SMERCONISH
The Philadelphia Inquirer

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When the B*oston Globe* conducted an online discussion of whether the lockdown of the city during the hunt for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was overkill, one of its columnists, Lawrence Harmon, weighed in: "Friday's lockdown was more than an abundance of caution. It was an overreaction. Hundreds of millions of dollars were lost to the local economy. Yet authorities urged some Dunkin' Donuts stores to remain open for the convenience of officers while ... hundreds of other businesses, large and small, shut down. If Dunkin' Donuts workers could safely venture forth to satisfy Munchkins runs, then people outside of Watertown and abutting communities could have gone to work."

Not everyone agrees, of course, but that sort of argument has often been made by John Mueller, a political science professor at Ohio State University. Mueller asks: What's a greater threat to the United States: terrorism or our reaction to it?

For Mueller, the answer is the latter. While he concedes that we're "safer" than before, he worries that the security gains are not worth the costs. He's addressed the issue in his books "Terror, Security and Money" (2011) and "Overblown" (2006).

He told me that the search for the bombers was essential: "You can't have mass murderers running around, so spending a lot of money on policing this thing is certainly very sensible." But he worried that the incident could lead to overreactions.

"There's a tendency of managing by inbox—you know, there's an underwear bomber on a plane, so therefore we have to spend a lot more money on body scanners or things which mostly don't seem to work," he told me. Mueller is concerned that because the attack took place at a marathon, there will be a rush to increase security in ineffective ways at countless other sporting events.

Mueller argues that government should carry out its constitutional charge to "insure domestic tranquility" while spending money responsibly and wisely: "What you need to do is look at each proposal in a coherent manner to make sure that the money being spent really does reduce risk, does save lives, does help people at a cost that is sensible, and not spend on measures that don't reduce risk or ... do it at extremely high cost, like body scanners."

He is similarly skeptical of air marshals. "They have basically done nothing since 9/11," he said. "They also cost $1.2 billion (annually). ... That's the entire budget of the Los Angeles police force. ... It's been done in a very expensive manner for some reason, and it doesn't reduce the risk enough to justify its cost."

Mueller cites a Cornell study suggesting that a fear of flying after 9/11 led to increases in long-distance driving that killed more people in car accidents than died on the hijacked planes that day.

I shared Mueller's thoughts with John Timoney, who ran the police departments in Philadelphia and Miami and is now a consultant to Bahrain. He praised the Boston response and pointed out that our multiple layers of local, state, and federal law enforcement—with more than 17,000 police agencies and 700,000 to 800,000 officers—create impediments.

"On the response to terror events or some other large-scale disaster, there is always criticism for over-response or overkill," he wrote in an e-mail. "And there is some validity to this criticism. But the over-response is often due to the nature/structure of police agencies and other first responders.

"I remember the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, when we were overwhelmed by the response of fire and ambulance services from places in New Jersey and Connecticut and Long Island. Thousands of ambulances blocked West Street (in Lower Manhattan), making it impossible to get out of the area. Six persons were killed and around 5,000 injured (mostly minor). Of the 5,000, over 4,000 made their own way to hospitals/doctors via subway or cab."

Timoney has run the Boston Marathon several times himself and lived in Cambridge when he was a fellow at Harvard. He noted that though the bombing happened in Boston, the events that followed happened in surrounding jurisdictions.

"It is a series of small communities with their own police forces and ambulances and fire departments," he wrote. "When the manhunt was under way for the bombers, it was naturally going to involve somewhat other surrounding communities. However, when the MIT police officer was killed and another seriously wounded in the chase, you just know that it was going to be a huge response. Critics might argue that someone should have been in charge to coordinate the response right away. Well, that is not going to happen."

Finally, Timoney noted the inherent difficulty of policing a marathon, but he said that a sporting event at a stadium is very different given "points of entry where people and bags can be checked."

How much we spend on such measures is a focus of Mueller's concern.

"There's no way to get risk down to zero," he told me. "An American's chance of being killed by a terrorist is about one in 3.5 million per year. ... So the issue is, basically, if the chance of being killed by a terrorist is one in 3.5 million per year, is it worth spending a lot more money to make that even lower?"

I can think of four families that would say yes.

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Who's gonna fill his shoes?

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I'm serving Saipan a slice of Americana today, as we note the passing of a uniquely American musician. Country music legend George Jones passed away April 26 in Nashville, Tenn., at the age of 81.

His music career spanned almost 60 years, and he was signed to his first contract soon after he got out of the U.S. Marines.

Jones was such a legend that even the city-slicker press paid him heed. Major papers carried stories about his death and life. *The New York Times* noted, entirely correctly, "His Life Was a Country Song," a reference to the fact that country songs, like Jones himself, have an element of honky tonk, hard drinking, and hard consequences.

If you had to name a single voice that characterizes country music, it would probably be either George Jones or Merle Haggard. But you don't have to choose one or the other: Jones and Haggard recorded some songs together.

In fact, many country singers collaborated with each other, performed with each other, and mentioned each other in their songs. That sort of friendly cooperation is hard to imagine if you're used to Saipan's pull-the-other-guy-down crab bucket behavior, but, well, there it is.

Much, but not all, of Jones' music was mournful and soulful, marking disappointments in living and loving, invoking images of a down-and-out guy in scuffed-up cowboy boots slouched over a drink in a tavern.

He even considered that equation from the bartender's perspective in his song *Bartender's Blues*.

More upbeat fare often featured honky-tonk fun and shenanigans, marking boozy, boot-stompin' hi-jinx.

Of his many hits, the utterly depressing *He Stopped Loving Her Today* is probably his most famous. It's about a man who carries a heartache to his grave. Or maybe it's the heartache that carries the man to the grave.

Hearing that song is like having your insides pulled out with pliers. Many argue that it's the best country song of all time. And it's certainly proof, as if we needed more, than a well-aimed arrow from Cupid is as dangerous as a Howitzer.

Jones himself foresaw the time when the legendary country singers were gone. His 1985 hit, *Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes*, contemplated just that situation.

If you skulk around the Internet you can find an old Country Music Television video of that song, which is delightfully kitschy and reminds me of places I lived in the rural south. When I see it I crave a moon pie and a Dixie beer.

The origins of country music go way back to, uh, well, don't look at me. I've got no idea. But if *He Stopped Loving Her Today* is the genre's iconic benchmark, I'll note that it came out in 1980.

It sure proved to be an auspicious start for that decade. I remember the airwaves carrying many of the legends: George Jones, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Dolly Parton, David Allen Coe, Hank Williams Jr., Crystal Gayle, Conway Twitty, Charlie Daniels, and Willie Nelson, just to name a few.

It wasn't just the radio that was buzzing. Country themes were popular on TV and in movies at the time. This momentum had been building since the 1970s, when truck drivers were often depicted as modern cowboys. But, whether with trucks or without, this fare often glamorized a rural, rebel spirit, and country music was part of the show.

For example, *The Dukes of Hazzard* television series, running from 1979 to 1985, featured a couple of mischievous, but noble, good ol' boys. They spent a lot of time speeding around in their hot rod trying to evade the local constabulary. Meanwhile, and I must mention this for posterity, the hometown girl, Daisy Duke, was revving some engines as well, wiggling around in high heel shoes and denim shorts. The show was narrated by Waylon Jennings and he also recorded the theme song.

Jennings and Jones performed together, and some of that music was great. It's hard to believe that they are both gone now, Jennings having passed away in 2002.

Jones was certainly a legend on his own. But when I tug on that notion I wind up pulling a lot of the roots and soil with it, since so much of it was interconnected within its mutually-nourishing niche. How can you separate a guy from his culture when he helped define it?

So we can ask the question that Jones famously asked all those years ago: Who's gonna fill their shoes?

If that question had a solution, Jones wouldn't have asked it to begin with.

After all, when the irreplaceable man asks about replacements, the answer is just plain silence.

Mediocrity: The new NMI norm?

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It matters to any reasonable person what the power of ideas could do to change things for the better, however protracted it may be. The good news is expectations are low and despondent. The bad news is equally the same—low and despondent.

Perhaps we've devolved into the Age of Mediocrity in the aftermath of federal takeover of immigration and minimum wage. This was emboldened by depravity in government among the "connected" and their apostles. Hope we haven't set the bar too low as to begin the appalling celebration of mediocrity, a fiesta that would not last. Or is the bar we've set a bit too high to reach on our own?

Harsh? Perhaps, but often the truth hurts!

A Wall Street market analyst confirmed my frustration when he said, "I've been waiting for the rally baton to be passed from mediocrity to flashes of brilliance and eventually to the robust economy hiding beneath the surface like my six-pack hides behind my sheath of hard fat." In our case, it's a whole sack of "complacency" chancing to exit or free itself for the longest time.

You look for fully thought-out answers from among our men of wisdom. But there seems to be another appalling and peculiar layer of mindset: atrophy. You press for answers and their best pull of the hat answer is "…working very closely with…"—disjointed talk that winds up in insanity and paralysis land. Resiliency?

You quiz what's their considered view on the planned acquisition of Pagan for military training and other collateral issues. Most are groping for sensible answers. Are these folks conversant of Sections 801-806 of the Covenant Agreement establishing procedure in the acquisition of additional Marianas land? Or are they snoozing somewhere in an alternate planet?

Are they wary of the dangers in the use of the Antiquities Act? Or are these materials difficult reading? Isn't it "must-read" stuff in order to understand how this archaic legal instrument grants the feds more power than meets our naked eyes?

Economics 101

It brings a relevant article published in POLITICO conveying a finding by a study that eight of 10 lawmakers in Congress haven't taken a course on economics. Each would need a crash course to make sense of direct and related issues on the national table that defer to economics, i.e., the proposed immigration law. Otherwise, we'd be preaching to the choir!

Perhaps we should probe policymakers here just to see how many have taken at least Economics 101. Some? None? If the answer is the latter, take a step back and consider leaving policymaking in the hands of people who are using canes to feel their way around the chamber, singing *Three Blind Mice*. This isn't surprising at all and prepared to leave the future of my children at their feet as I intone, "I Don't Know, Maria!" Seesuzzzz!

I'm fearful of the day when the wildebeest effects kicks in. It means joining the chase of the last pit stop in hopelessness, heading into the ruinous fiscal sunset, destination unknown. Or shall we join the trash brigade that sticks their heads out on weekends for photo-ops?

Must muster sense of purpose

The myriad issues are difficult in themselves. Each requires major research by real experts in health, education, utilities, budgeting and accounting, among others. You can't bluff it with disoriented or ludicrous and vacuous shots from the hip just so you could toot your inaudible horn.

Realistically, legislators need the benefit of thorough research work by real experts. But then it hasn't used nor funded the Legislative Bureau to achieve this purpose. Members of Congress use fully researched materials from foundations. This too must be done forthwith. Unless you have fully researched materials on issues you see fit to formulate into policies, it's all a ball of confusion and superficial answers lacking rock-solid scaffolds.

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Review basic documents

Rep. Ralph Yumul proposes to cut funds for the Office of Carolinian Affairs. Good thinking but please take a quick review of the constitutional provision that established the office. It calls for appropriation of funds to defray its operations. Sometimes it pays to know your basic documents.

Too, it's good to pound your chest on cuts here, there, and everywhere! In doing so, have you worked to improve and revive private industries to cushion the blow of likely displaced employees?

Too, interesting the glaring visibility of the economy being in complete shambles. Yet we see legislators traveling below the equator to watch gay marriage and play up the intelligent look on regional issues. You skip the disastrous local economy at home just to boast that you could handle matters of regional magnitude? Isn't this fodder material for comedy of sorts? Beats common sense, doesn't it?

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NMC's muddy 'show-cause'

Through the grapevines, I've heard concerns from conscientious staff at NMC about the accreditation of the college and the lackadaisical attitude of the president and chair of the Board of Regents.

I'm watching with special interest how the board disposes of the president's contractual renewal that was to have happened yesterday.

Obviously, there's a growing disparity and disconnect in the perception and commitment of the existence of the college, an issue that has conveniently escape the nimble minds of some members of the board and the president of NMC.

The "show-cause" issue is still far from final resolution yet the president and regent's chair are junketing in the last three months. Goes to show the lackadaisical attitude they've placed over an urgent issue so the college regains its accreditation. Are these folks percipient of the very reason for NMC's existence?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Missing Saipan

For some reason Saipan has been on my mind today. I spent part of my young life on Saipan when we were stationed on the island following World War II. I was about 7 and my sister was barely 4. I remember so much about our experiences, e.g., the tropical nature of the island, the beaches, and so much more. I cannot believe what has happened since, i.e., the development, but thankfully I still see serene beaches and some of what I remember. Just wanted to share my thoughts with you.

Rosalee Adams
via email

SOUTH KOREA

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and reform and opening from (North Korea) is nothing but a foolish and silly dream," the official North Korean news agency KCNA announced last year.

Nor did the operating the complex stop North Korea from repeatedly threatening the South or twice attacking in 2010, killing 50 South Koreans. Current North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has revealed himself to be just as dangerous and belligerent as his predecessors.

Rather than gaining leverage over Pyongyang, Seoul finds itself a hapless blackmail victim. Yet South Korea remained intent on continuing a policy of self-flagellation. Despite Pyongyang's withdrawing its workers from Kaesong, shutting out South Korean workers and threatening Seoul with nuclear annihilation, South Korean Minister of Unification Ryoo Kihl-jae had described Kaesong as a "symbol of inter-Korean reconciliation and cooperation."

South Korea's decision to withdraw its remaining workers is a welcome first step. But Seoul should wean itself from this extortion-based endeavor. The first step would be for President Park Geun-hye to prevent any South Korean citizens from returning to Kaesong until North Korea guarantees their safety. Pyongyang must, at a minimum, restore all communications links and formally affirm its commitment to all inter-Korean nonaggression agreements, the armistice ending the Korean War and existing business contracts.

Despite North Korean hostility, Park continues to offer dialogue and humanitarian aid as part of her trustpolitik policy. As such, it would be premature to formally renounce South Korean participation in Kaesong. But should Pyongyang conduct another attack or serious provocation, Seoul should sever all economic engagement with Pyongyang, including Kaesong.

South Korea shouldn't do business with a gun pointed at its head.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼75°	▲87° ▼76°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

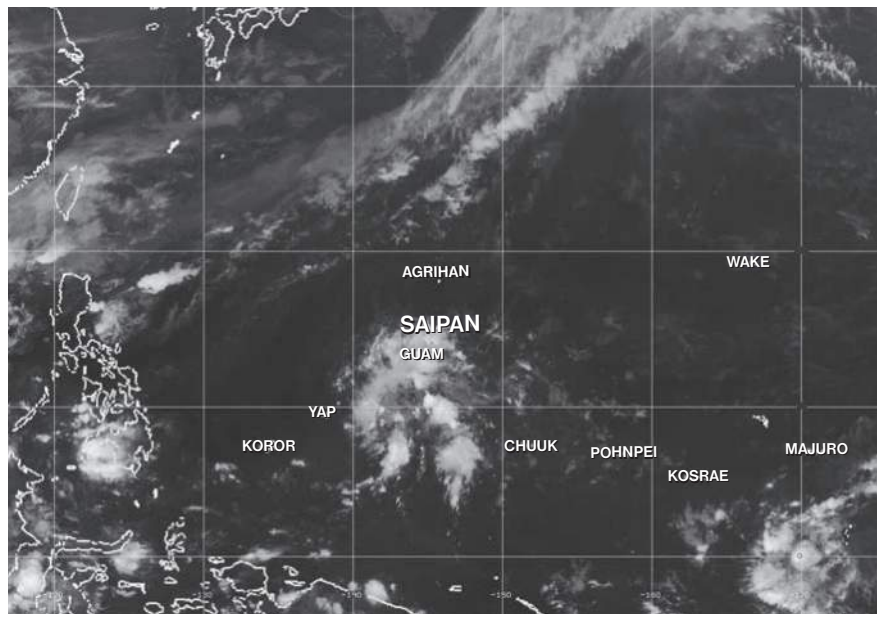
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
Palau	Showers	▲88	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼81
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼79
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲67	▼61
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼55
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲75	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼72
London	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲91	▼61
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼83
Melbourne	Rain	▲61	▼50
Miami	Showers	▲80	▼71
New York	Sunny	▲63	▼47
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼51
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼46
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼53
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼59
Salem	Sunny	▲80	▼50
San Francisco	Sunny	▲80	▼57
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼46
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼53
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼48

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends from near 25N145E to 23N140E to beyond 130E at 21N. Extensive cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present along and within 250 miles north of the boundary. A poorly-organized tropical disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Chuuk and across portions of the Marianas between 5N and 16N from 140E to 148E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south and east of Majuro between the equator and 4N from 166E to 173E and between 4N and 9N from 174E and 180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
2:28 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:35 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:35 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:48 AM	12:49 PM
Saturday	1:34 AM	1:43 PM
Sunday	2:16 AM	2:36 PM
Monday	2:58 AM	3:27 PM
Tuesday	3:39 AM	4:18 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 4, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
0Z604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:45am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:05am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
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Jack Kabiriel wins recycled boat race

The inaugural recycled boat race organized by the Division of Environmental Quality was won by Jack Kabiriel on Saturday, April 20.His boat was made of bamboo, plastic bottles, and sheet metal. Jack won $300.

"This is the first time [DEQ] has organized such an event and the turnout was pleasing," said Cal Westergard, race coordinator. "A total of five entries participated in the 100 meter race. Also, I'm happy the race went smoothly and they're excited for more competition next year."

Second to cross the finish line was Jesse James. His boat was made from broken surfboards and water bottles, reinforced with bamboo. Jesse won $200.

Other participants were members of Young Men and Women of the Saipan Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The most creative award, a prize of $100, went to an outrigger canoe built by members of Young Men and Women of the Saipan Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Racers were tasked to build a boat out of recycled materials and be first across the finish line. The rules required participants to use only recycled materials and duct tape was the only material allowed for purchase. Participants were also advised to be creative in tying recycled items together. Prefabricated boats or motors were not allowed.

This boat race is part of the annual Environmental Awareness Month activity with the theme, "All life of the land, sea and air are one."

The boat race shall be also included as part of the Environmental Awareness Month activities. ***(DEQ)***

DPS warns of brush fires; issues safety tips

The CNMI Department of Public Safety Fire Division is advising residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota of high possibility of grass and brush fires in the coming months.

Due to the start of the "dry season," grass, foliage, and other materials are at a higher risk of ignition and there is an increased probability of accidental fires due to barbecue, trash, and bonfires.

The department is issuing the following safety tips for residents of the CNMI:

■ Reduce flammable vegetation, trees, and brush around your home.

■ Do not dispose of lighted cigarette butts in grassy areas; use ashtrays.

■ Leave at least 15 feet of clear space around barbecue grills and dispose of heated wood and charcoal properly.

■ Never leave barbecue grills unattended. Place your grill on concrete and away from your home or any structures. If using charcoal or wood, make sure that the fire has been extinguished by soaking it with water.

■ Extinguish all campfires, barbecue embers, bonfires, and all open flames with copious amounts of water.

■ Notify electrical companies when dead trees or overhanging limbs endanger electrical wires.

■ Do not start any unnecessary fires. Do not burn trash, foliage, or debris.

■ Practice fire safety with your family. If you see suspicious fire or smoke, call 911.

There is a ban on burning within residential areas. All unpermitted open flames not intended for cooking purposes within residential areas are subject to fines.

If you are interested in obtaining fire burning permits, information regarding fines, or further information about safe burning tips, contact the Department of Public Safety Fire Division at 664-9004 or access the Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.gov.mp. ***(DPS)***

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School club provides the theme for '13 Agri Fair

The winning theme for the 30th Agricultural Fair is *"Ta silebra i lina'la ginen i gualota"* and was provided by the Marianas High School Polksai Chamorro Club.

Translated, it means, "Let's celebrate the nourishment that comes from our farms."

"It really is spectacular that students are continuing with the language and culture of our islands," said Saipan Agricultural Fair Association chair RB Camacho. "I'm very pleased the MHS Polksai Chamorro Club is a partner in our Agricultural Fair."

The theme was selected from a range of submissions. The club shall receive $100 for the winning entry.

In other news, raffle tickets can be purchased from any of the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association members. Call or visit the following agencies: Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture, NMC CREES, Department of Public Works, Nutrition Assistance Program, Division of Environmental Quality and the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association.

For more information about the entry rules or about the fair in general, contact 664-8512. ***(SAFA)***

Managaha Island named 'best beach' for 10th year

The Northern Mariana Islands walked away a big winner from this year's Marine Diving Fair in Japan, with Managaha receiving the "Best Beach and Snorkeling" award for the 10th straight year.

Managaha, a sandy islet within the reef-fringed lagoon of Saipan, is a marine conservation area and a must-see for most visitors to this beach resort destination.

» 3 other Saipan beaches land in Top 10

Three other beaches in the Northern Marianas also placed in the Marine Arts Center's Top 10 for The Best Beach Award: Obyan Beach on Saipan in second place, Laulau Beach in Saipan in eighth place, and Teteto Beach on Rota in ninth place. Saipan, Tinian, and Rota also placed fourth overall in the Best Overseas Diving Area. The winners were selected by readers of the Marine Arts Center's publications.

The Marianas Visitors Authority participated in the Marine Diving Fair in Sunshine City, Ikebukuro on April 5-7, touting its award-winning dive sites.

"The annual Marine Diving Fair is a mainstay of the MVA's efforts to reach out to snorkeling and diving enthusiasts in Japan, and nothing is a bigger selling point than Managaha, which has now been named the best for 10 straight years. That's a record we can all be proud of," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "As a community, our efforts to maintain the natural beauty of our islands makes a strong impression on all our visitors, both on land and underwater."

In addition to manning an informational booth at the fair, a quiz show with Saipan-da! was staged. The MVA was joined by representatives of several dive shops: S2Club Saipan, Wonder Sea Saipan, and Rota Blue Palms. Promotional efforts were also supported by Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Aqua Resort Club, Tasi Tours & Transportation, and Islander Rent A Car. The MVA also awarded a prize for the "Saipan, Tinian, and Rota Award" category of the annual photo contest organized by Marine Arts Center.

The Marine Diving Fair is the largest consumer event in Japan specializing in diving and was attended by over 52,000 individuals this year. ***(MVA)***

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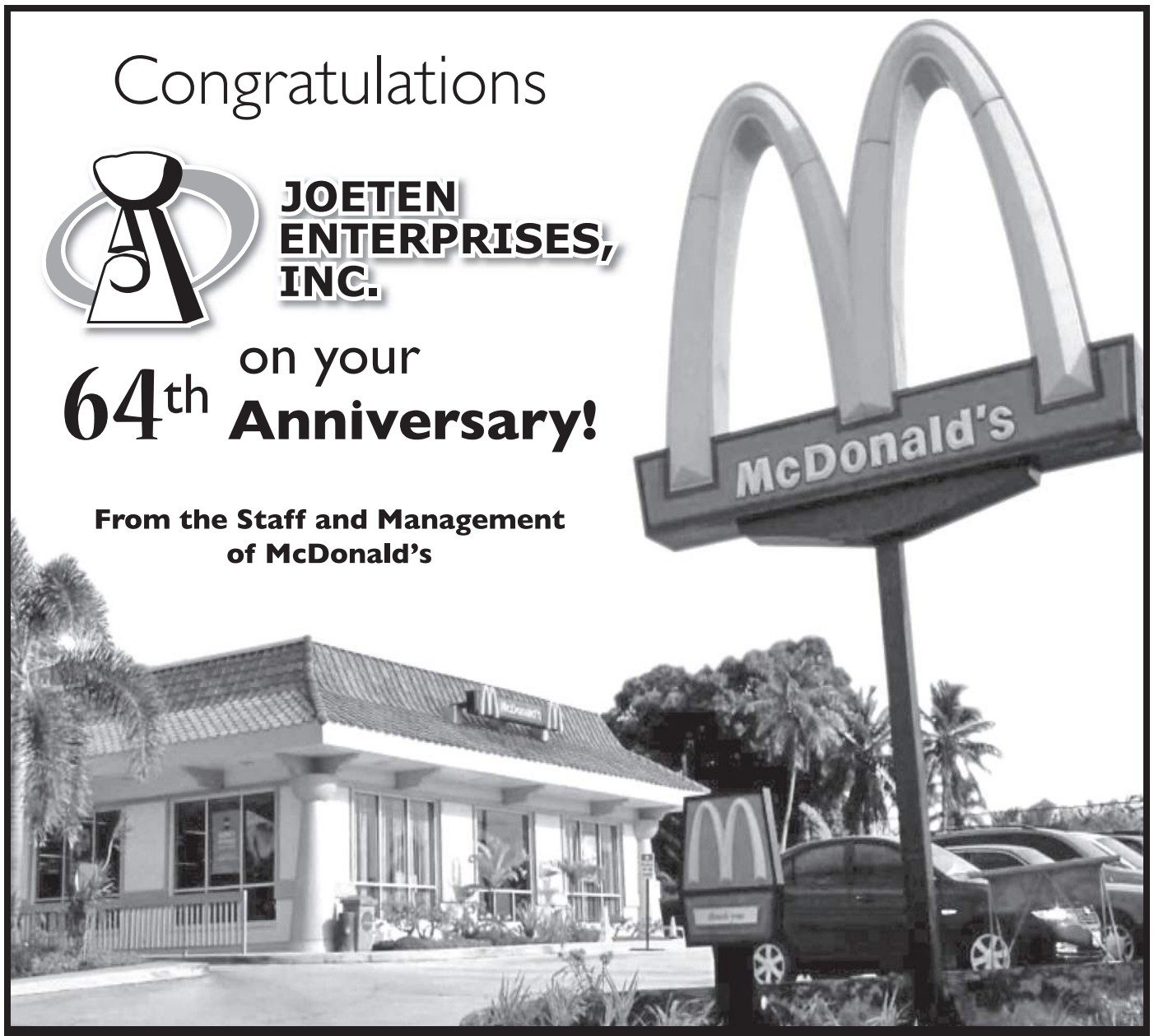

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COTA to relaunch operation of Saipan Call-a-Ride service

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority and the Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board wish to inform the public, especially those individuals with disabilities and the elderly, that the Call-a-Ride Saipan under COTA's Para-Transit System will commence a specialized service beginning Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

The days and hours of operation will be from Monday through Friday from 6am to 9pm, Saturdays from 8am to 5pm. Service will be closed on Sundays and holidays. Up to seven days advanced service reservation will be permitted. This is a curb-to-curb or house-to-house service.

Rider fares are as follows:

- Eligible rider: $3 per trip/segment
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- No-show: $5
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The dedicated reservation number is (670) 664-2276 from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday except on holidays.

For general ParaTransit Service information, call (670) 664-2292, from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday except holidays.

Although COTA's original plan was to hold off operation until the Saipan Fixed-Flex Route & ParaTransit System Feasibility Study is completed by September, inquiries and service requests continued to be received. As a result, COTA performed a quick assessment of the management and operations that included issues and problems currently preventing full operation.

First, the ParaTransit System will require two to three drivers/attendants to operate two vehicles; all vehicles need maintenance service, some body, mechanical and electrical repair and parts replacements; insurance coverage; two vans need ownership transfer from the Public School System to COTA to operate legally and relieve PSS from any accidental liability; and reduce fare from $6 to $3 per segment or per trip; among other factors.

COTA also informed board members that without the two PSS vehicles, only one vehicle will be ready to go online while the other will require extensive body, mechanical, and electrical repair.

COTA and CPTAB hopes the transfer process of the two PSS vehicles will be completed prior to the scheduled service date or May 29, 2013.

The Workforce Investment Agency program will be providing the transit driver trainees COTA needs.

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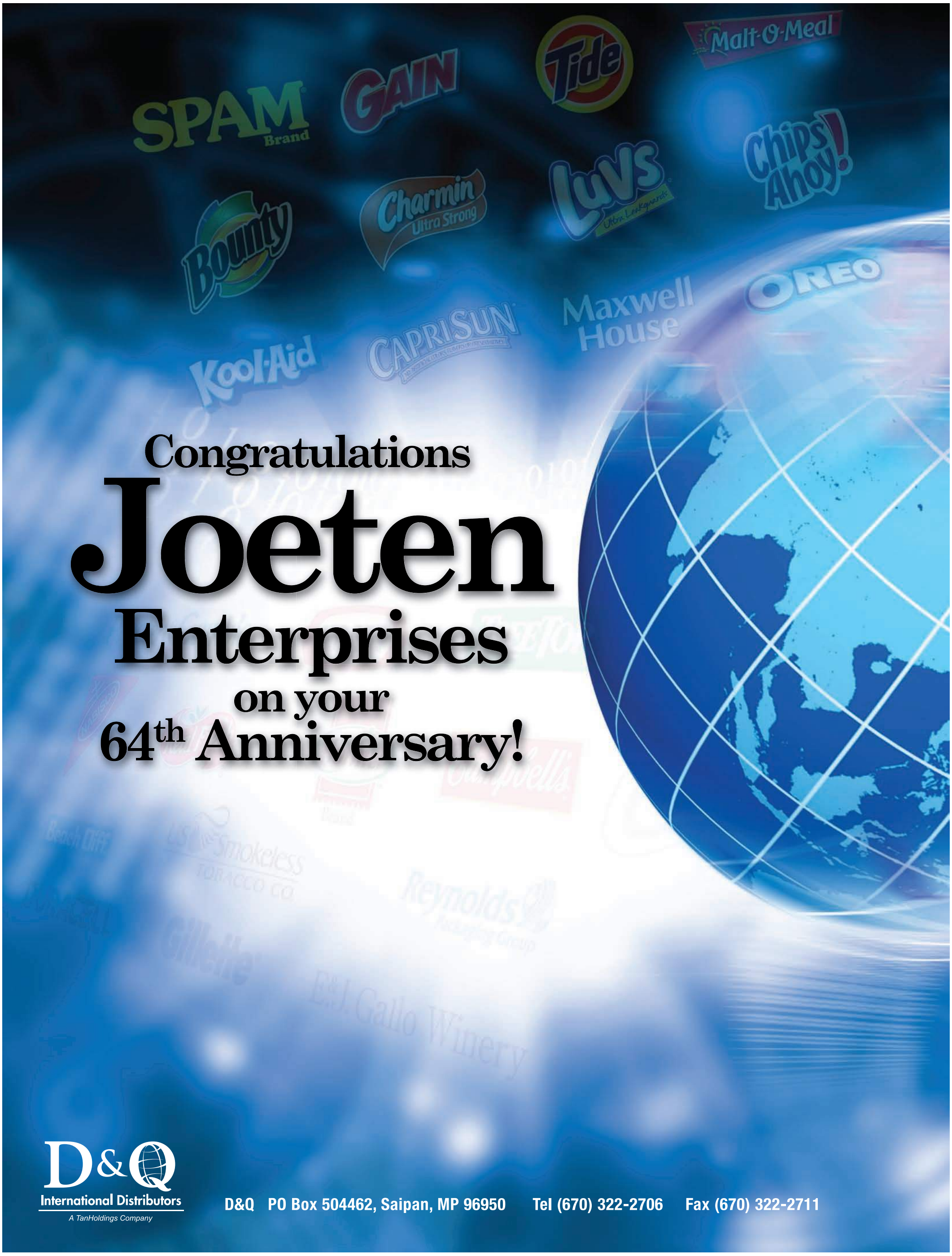
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Oleai Elementary School principal Jaselyn Parico, left, joins OES teachers, two STUCCO officials, and McDonald's Saipan staff led by general manager Marcia Ayuyu, second from right, in receiving the school's check from their participation in McTeacher's Night last March.

OES credits parents' role for McTeacher's Night's success

Oleai Elementary School principal Jaselyn Parico yesterday thanked the cooperation of students' parents for her school's success in various fundraising campaigns this year.

Parico, who joined several teachers and two of the school's Student Council officials during a check turnover ceremony for OES' participation in McDonald's Saipan's McTeacher's Night, said they're very happy with the amount raised during their stint as McDonald's staff last March.

Over 45 OES teachers manned the cash registers and helped take orders all Mondays of March and Parico said the funds raised will be used for the students' general needs.

A reduction in funding for the Public School System the past couple of years has led individual public schools to look for funding elsewhere.

Parico praised McDonald's Saipan and its general manager, Marcia Ayuyu, for initiating McTeacher's Night.

Aside from the McDonald's Saipan fundraiser, Parico said that OES also gave a good account of itself in the 2013 American Red Cross Walkathon and this year's Rotary Club of Saipan Parade of Books. It raised the most funds in the former and won first place in the latter.

Fourth-grade teacher Roselle Carreon said McTeacher's Night gave the OES community a chance to show its school spirit and contribute to a good cause.

McTeacher's Night is like hitting two birds with one stone, Carreon said, as McDonald's gets a chance to help PSS and in return public schools get to patronize the fast-food chain.

STUCO president Frantia Sablan and public information officer Samantha Manacop thanked McDonald's and Ayuyu for helping raise funds for their school.

Manacop said that McTeacher's Night gave students like her a great excuse for dining at McDonald's in March.

OES, the home of the turtles, has over 400 students from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Other schools that have participated in McTeacher's Night include Kagman, San Antonio, San Vicente, and Garapan elementary schools and Hopwood Junior High School. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

UFO invites member groups to general meeting Sunday

The United Filipino Organization is inviting all its member organizations—both active and non-active—to attend a general membership meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2013. The meeting will be at the Filcom Pavilion, Civic Center, Susupe, from 10am to 3pm. The meeting will mainly focus on the upcoming *Pistang Pinoy* activities and we would like to get an input from member organizations.

The meeting also aims to encourage inactive member organizations to be active again and get involved in UFO activities once more. Some associations have become inactive due to the decline in their membership over the years. At present, UFO has 12 active member organizations.

This is also the chance for member organizations to know more about the UFO aside from being an umbrella organization and not as a competitor organization. Members can have their own activity, just like what BAYANI, MAFEA, MIFICPA, MDX and other organizations that serve the community in their own ways. Every organization plays an important role in being a member of the UFO and that is to ensure the success of activities and events spearheaded by the network of Filipino organizations in the Commonwealth.

We encourage all UFO member organizations to send their representatives to attend this important meeting. The membership meeting is also an opportunity for individuals who want to volunteer under the UFO banner.

Meanwhile, UFO, along with Guam Philippine Consul General Bayani Mangibin, is scheduled to attend the NMI-RP Friendship Month proclamation signing at the Governor's Office on June 7, 2013. The Philippine Consulate Genera in Guam won't be able to join the flag-raising, which will be headed by UFO with other group at a chosen location on June 12. The celebration of the *Pistang Pinoy* (Filipino fiesta) will be on June 16, Sunday, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

For more information, call UFO president Annamae Adaza at 483-5237, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, public information officer Paul Madriaga at 287-4501 or email us at ufo.saipan@gmail.com. ***(UFO)***

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2 beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Garapan Beach drainage and Chalan Laulau Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Health and safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety trainings on the following dates:

■ May 7 at 5:30pm: Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning

■ May 8 at 5:30pm: Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning

■ May 15 at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED

■ May 16 at 6pm: Pediatric CPR/AED

■ May 25 at 8am: Adult CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Blended Learning courses involve online courses with in-person skills exam and require at least 48-hour preregistration. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

DEQ brigade cleanup tomorrow

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Coral Ocean Point tomorrow, May 4, 2013 at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point Parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

KagES kindergarten registration ongoing

Kagman Elementary School kindergarten registration for school year 2013-2014 is still ongoing from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2013. Documents required: Copy of child birth certificate, health insurance, original school entrance health certificate, proof of legal guardianship (if any). Students will not be officially registered until all documents have been submitted. For more information call 237-3965/ 67. ***(PR)***

GES registration information

Kindergarten registration will begin at the Garapan Elementary School on May 7, 2013. Child must be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2013. Date of birth must be on or before Aug. 31, 2008.

New students' registration for grades 1 to 6 will begin on July 1, 2013. Child must be 6 years old by Aug. 31, 2013. Date of birth must be before Aug. 31, 2008.

Required documents are birth certificate, school entrance health certificate from CHC or a private clinic, copy of updated health insurance, and map to residence.

For more information, call GES at 237-3341/3/5. ***(PR)***

Veterans outreach next week

This is to inform all veterans that Tina San Agustin, the senior veteran's service representative, and Lee Stahli, veteran's service representative from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan for a veterans outreach on veterans' federal benefits. They will also be entertaining questions and assisting with claims.

San Agustin and Stahli will be on Saipan on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 9am to 4:30pm, and on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 8am to 3:30pm, both at Ruth Coleman's office at Suite 206 of the Marina Height Building II.

If you wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military/ Veterans Affairs at (670) 664-2650/59. ***(PR)***

CK Head Start parents' notes

■ May 4 (Saturday): Let's Move CNMI Healthy & Happy Kids. Open to all kids and families ages 3 to 8 at WSR School, 8am to 12pm.

■ May 6 (Monday): CK Head Start Parents and Teachers Meeting from 5:15pm to 6:30pm, at the WSR cafeteria. One parent from each family is expected to attend.

■ May 11 (Saturday): Free parent training from the American Red Cross at WSR School cafeteria from 8am to 12pm. Snack foods and refreshments will be served.

■ May 20 to May 31: Free Parent Education Training for parents of children from 0 to 5 years old, starting at 6pm at the WSR School Cafeteria. Call Mona at 483-4398 for more information.

For CK Head Start meeting information, call Ray or May at 234-RAY1 or Brian at 789-6601. ***(PR)***

Immunization shots for MHS students

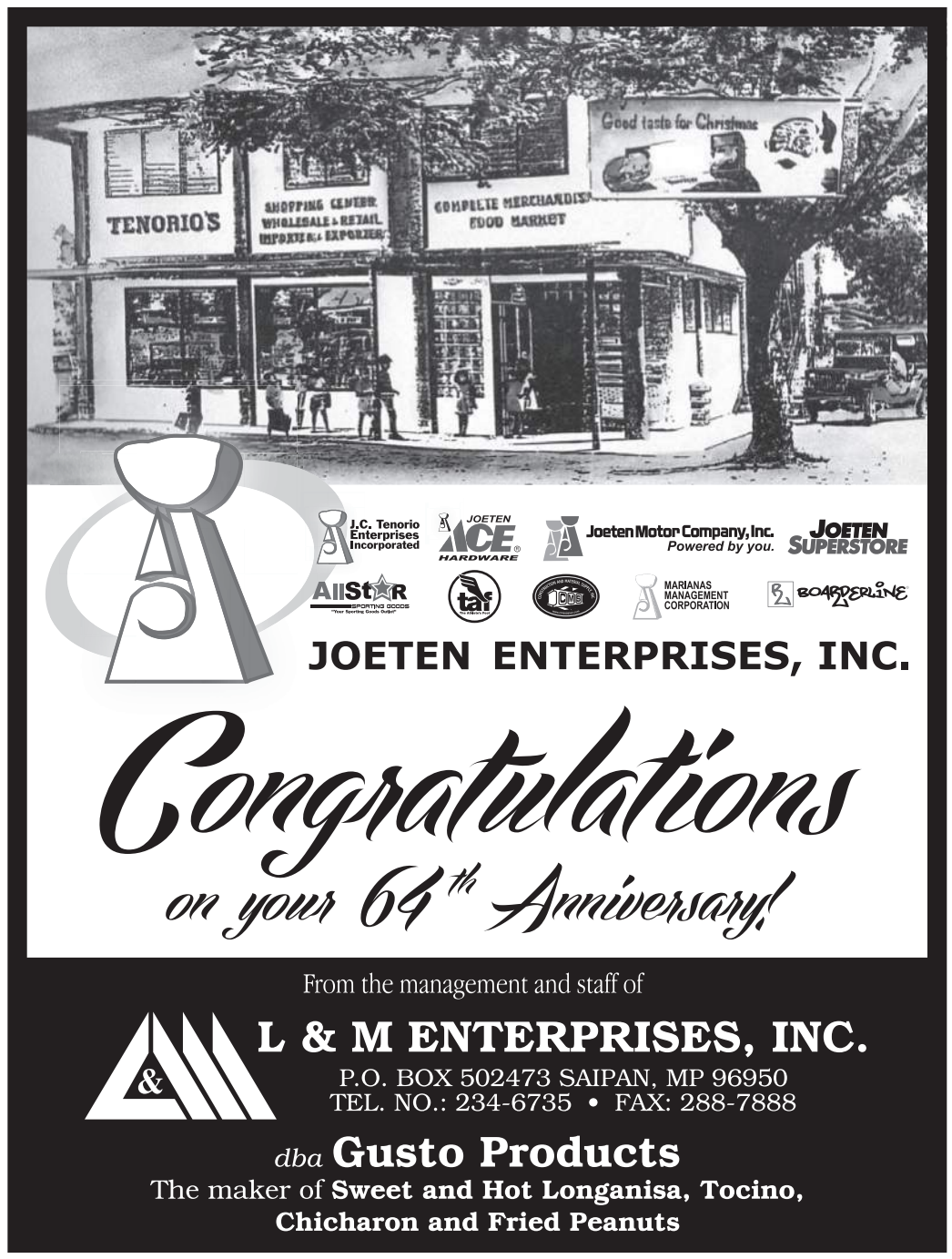
April 30 was Immunization Day at Marianas High School. Any student who is not up to date with their immunization shots will not be allowed back to school as of May 10, 2013. Parents can call DPH to see if their child is up to date in case students lost their notification. Immunization shots are administered at no charge at the Department of Public Health. ***(PR)***

SVES kindergarten registration

San Vicente Elementary School's registration for kindergarten only is scheduled on May 28-31, 2013, from 9am through 11:30am in the school main office. The child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2008, with a date of birth between Sept. 1, 2007, and Aug. 31, 2008. Registration requirements: copy of birth certificate; original health certificate (public health or private clinic); medical insurance or accidental insurance; map of residential location; power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable); copy of report card or certificate of completion (from any preschool). For more information, contact 237-3791. ***(PR)***

Kagman High Class of '04 reunion meeting

The Kagman High School Class of 2004 will have a class reunion meeting on May 7, Tuesday, at the pavilion across JP Center Bldg., Garapan, at 6:30pm. All classmates are urged to be present and should also help pass the information to other classmates. For more information or inquiry, email ayuyu2004reunion@gmail.com. ***(PR)***



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Business

Justice Department appeals morning-after case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration on Wednesday appealed a federal judge's order to lift all age limits on who can buy morning-after birth control pills without a prescription.

The decision came a day after the Food and Drug Administration had lowered the age that people can buy the Plan B One-Step morning-after pill without a prescription to 15—younger than the current limit of 17—and decided that the pill could be sold on drugstore shelves near the condoms, instead of locked behind pharmacy counters.

With the appeal, the government is making clear that it's willing to ease access to emergency contraception only a certain amount—not nearly as broadly as doctors' groups and contraception advocates have urged.

The order by U.S. District Judge Edward Korman of New York would allow girls and women of any age to buy not only Plan B but its cheaper generic competition as easily as they can buy aspirin. Korman gave the FDA 30 days to comply, and the Monday deadline was approaching fast.

In Wednesday's filing, the Justice Department said Korman exceeded his authority and that his decision should be suspended while that appeal is under way, meaning only Plan B One-Step would appear on drugstore shelves until the case is finally settled.

"We are deeply disappointed that just days after President Obama proclaimed his commitment to women's reproductive rights, his administration has decided once again to deprive women of their right to obtain emergency contraception without unjustified and burdensome restrictions," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which filed the lawsuit that prompted Korman's ruling.

Rather than take matters into his own hands, the Justice Department argued to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Korman should have ordered the FDA to reconsider its options for regulating emergency contraception. The court cannot overturn the rules and processes that federal agencies must follow "by instead mandating a particular substantive outcome," the appeal states.

The FDA actually had been poised to lift all age limits and let Plan B sell over the counter in late 2011, when Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius overruled her own scientists. Sebelius said some girls as young as 11 were physically capable of bearing children but shouldn't be able to buy the pregnancy-preventing pill on their own.

Sebelius' move was unprecedented, and Korman had blasted it as election-year politics—meaning he was overruling not just a government agency but a Cabinet secretary.

Whatever happens in court, moving the morning-after pill over the counter, even if limited to buyers 15 or older, marks a big societal shift in the long battle over women's reproductive rights. But in the volatile debate, both sides were unhappy with FDA's surprise twist.

Fed keeps stimulus, says taxes and cuts have hurt

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve cautioned America's political leaders Wednesday that their policies are hurting the economy. The Fed stood by its aggressive efforts to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment. But it sent its clearest signal to date that tax increases and spending cuts that kicked in this year are slowing the economy.

"Fiscal policy is restraining economic growth," the Fed said in a statement after a two-day policy meeting.

The Fed maintained its plan to keep short-term interest rates at record lows at least until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent from its current 7.6 percent. And it said it will continue to buy $85 billion a month in Treasury and mortgage bonds. The bond purchases are intended to keep long-term borrowing costs down and encourage borrowing and spending.

The minutes of the previous policy meeting in March showed that many Fed officials were open to reducing the bond purchases before year's end, so long as the economy improved. But Wednesday's statement indicated that Fed officials are also open to expanding the bond buying if the economy needs it.

The Fed's statement signaled its concern about a Social Security tax increase, which took effect Jan. 1, and deep government spending cuts, which began taking effect March 1. The across-the-board spending cuts took effect automatically after Congress failed to reach a budget deal.

Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said he viewed the Fed's more forceful remarks on the issue as criticism of Congress' fiscal policies. "The Fed noted that the private economy is pushing ahead, but it is the government that is putting roadblocks in the way," Naroff said. "That was as clear a shot at Congress as I have seen the Fed take."

Democrats in Congress generally agreed with the Fed's criticism while Republicans took exception.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil sinks on China manufacturing and US supplies

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of oil dropped more than 2 percent Wednesday, following disappointing economic news from the world's two biggest oil-consuming nations and a large increase in U.S. crude supplies. Benchmark oil for June delivery fell $2.43, or 2.6 percent, to finish at $91.03 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Data from China and the U.S. pointed to weaker demand for oil. The manufacturing sector in both countries grew at a slower pace in April, according to data from industry groups. Construction spending in the U.S. also fell. And payroll processor ADP said that private employers in the U.S. added just 119,000 jobs last month, below analyst estimates.

Pickups spur increase in April auto sales

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit was king in April, with demand for its big pickups helping to boost U.S. auto sales and offset a soft month for Toyota. Ford, GM and Chrysler sold a total of 144,042 full-size pickups, up 29 percent from last April, driven by strength in the U.S. housing industry. Overall sales grew 8.5 percent to nearly 1.3 million. While that's the industry's best April total since 2007, the pace slowed from the first three months of this year. On an annualized basis, April sales were 14.9 million, the first month below 15 million since October.

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Nation

FBI: 3 removed backpack from Boston suspect's room

BOSTON (AP)—Three college friends of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were arrested and accused Wednesday of trying to protect him by going into his dorm room and getting rid of a backpack filled with hollowed-out fireworks three days after the deadly attack.

The three 19-year-olds were not accused of any role in the bombing. But in a footnote in the court papers outlining the charges, the FBI said that about a month before the tragedy, Tsarnaev told two of them that he knew how to make a bomb.

Azamat Tazhayakov and Dias Kadyrbayev, both of whom came to the U.S. from Kazakhstan, were charged with conspiring to obstruct justice by concealing and destroying evidence. Robel Phillipos, who graduated from a Cambridge high school with Tsarnaev, was charged with lying to investigators about the visit to Tsarnaev's room.

According to the FBI account, just hours after surveillance camera photos of the Boston Marathon suspects were flashed around the world April 18, Tsnarnaev's friends suspected he was one of the bombers and removed the backpack along with a laptop from Tsarnaev's room at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

One of them later threw the backpack in the garbage, and it wound up in a landfill, where it was discovered by law enforcement officers last week, authorities said. In the backpack were fireworks that had been emptied of their gunpowder.

The lawyers for the Kazakh students said their clients had nothing to do with the bombing and were just as shocked by the crime as everyone else. Phillipos' attorney, Derege Demissie, said outside court: "The only allegation is he made a misrepresentation."

At a court appearance, the Kazakh students did not request bail and will be held for another hearing May 14. Phillipos was held for a hearing on Monday. If convicted, Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov could get up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine. Phillipos faces a maximum of eight years behind bars and a $250,000 fine.

Three people were killed and more than 260 wounded on April 15 when two bombs exploded near the marathon's finish line. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died after a gunfight with police days later. His 19-year-old brother was captured and lies in a prison hospital. Their mother has said the allegations against them are lies.

Gitmo closure elusive, Obama looks at other steps

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite President Barack Obama's new vow, closing the Guantanamo Bay prison is still a tough sell in Congress. So the White House may look instead toward smaller steps like transferring some terror suspects back overseas.

Shutting down the prison at the U.S. naval base in Cuba is a goal that has eluded Obama since he took office. In his first week, he signed an executive order for its closure, but Congress has used its budgetary power to block detainees from being moved to the United States.

Now, with 100 of the 166 prisoners on a hunger strike in protest of their indefinite detention and prison conditions, Obama is promising a renewed push before Congress and has ordered a review of his administrative options. The White House is acknowledging its process to review prisoner cases for possible release has not been implemented quickly enough and says the president is considering reappointing a senior official at the State Department to focus on transfers out of the prison.

Guantanamo had slipped down the agenda of the president who promised to close it during his campaign five years ago but has transferred few prisoners out in recent years. Conditions at the camp are tense, with 23 prisoners who are in danger of starving themselves now being force-fed through nasal tubes and some 40 naval medical personnel arriving over the weekend to deal with the strike that shows no sign of ending. While the global community has pressured the United States to shut Guantanamo, most of the American public and their representatives in Congress have been opposed to removing the terror suspects from their isolated captivity.

Immigration debate gives life to annual rallies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Demonstrators demanded an overhaul of immigration laws Wednesday in an annual, nationwide ritual that carried a special sense of urgency as Congress considers sweeping legislation that would bring many of the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally out of the shadows.

Thousands joined May Day rallies in dozens of cities from Concord, N.H., to Bozeman, Mont. In Salem, Ore., Gov. John Kitzhaber was cheered by about 2,000 people on the Capitol steps as he signed a bill to allow people living in Oregon without proof of legal status to obtain drivers licenses.

In Vermont, more than 1,000 people assembled on the Montpelier Statehouse lawn. And in New York, thousands of demonstrators marched in downtown Manhattan waving banners and banging on drums in a scene reminiscent of Occupy Wall Street's heyday.

The May Day crowds were lively but paled in comparison to the massive demonstrations of 2006 and 2007, during the last serious attempt to introduce major changes to the U.S. immigration system. Despite the large turnouts six years ago, many advocates of looser immigration laws felt they were outmaneuvered by opponents who flooded congressional offices with phone calls and faxes at the behest of conservative talk-radio hosts.

Now, immigrant advocacy groups are focusing heavily on contacting members of Congress, using social media and other technology to target specific lawmakers. Reform Immigration for America, a network of groups, claims more than 1.2 million subscribers, including recipients of text messages and Facebook followers.

Many of Wednesday's rallies featured speakers with a personal stake in the debate. Naykary Silva, a 26-year-old Mexican woman in the country illegally, joined about 200 people who marched in Denver's spring snow, hoping for legislation that would ensure medical care for her 3-year-old autistic son.

"If you want to do something, you do it no matter what," Silva said. "There's still more work to do."

Police in New York restrained several demonstrators, but the marches were peaceful. In downtown Seattle, demonstrators gathered under heavy police presence, one year after some protesters broke windows and set fires. Thousands joined a march after a rally there supporting immigrant rights and labor. Gabriel Villalobos, a Spanish-language talk radio host in Phoenix, said many of his callers believe it is the wrong time for marches, fearful that that any unrest could sour public opinion. Those callers advocate instead for a low-key approach of calling members of Congress.

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

AMENDED/REVISED RE-ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS
ON TWO HOUSES IN KAGMAN, SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on two concrete house structures in Kagman, Saipan.

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified as a first-time homeowner with proof of registration as a person of Northern Marianas Descent through the NMD Registry program with the CNMI Board of Elections; a notarized affidavit by the applicant that he/she does not have any interest, whether freehold or fee simple, in any CNMI land; and a verified name search from a title company (current within 45 days) showing that the applicant does not own title to nor hold any interest in CNMI land as a grantee.

A fixed interest rate of 2% per annum and no down payment are permitted under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for two acquired homes located in **Kagman, Saipan**. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is **Friday, May 31, 2013.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

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Septic Tank System
Good Ocean View
Fair/Moderate condition.
Appraised value is $52,000.00

World

Around the world, angry workers unite on May Day

ISTANBUL (AP)—Workers around the world united in anger during May Day rallies Wednesday—from fury in Europe over austerity measures that have cut wages, reduced benefits and eliminated many jobs altogether, to rage in Asia over relentlessly low pay, the rising cost of living and hideous working conditions that have left hundreds dead in recent months.

In protests, strikes and other demonstrations held in cities across the planet, activists lashed out at political and business leaders they allege have ignored workers' voices or enriched themselves at the expense of laborers. In some places, the demonstrations turned violent, with activists clashing with police.

Many nations have been struggling with economic downturns for several years now, and workplace disasters in developing countries are nothing new, but the intensity of some of Wednesday's gatherings suggested workers' frustrations have grown especially acute, with many demanding immediate action to address their concerns.

The anger was painfully evident in Bangladesh, where the collapse last week of an illegally built eight-story facility housing multiple garment factories killed more than 400 in a Dhaka suburb. The building collapse followed a garment factory fire in November that killed 112 people in the country, and it has increased the pressure on the global garment industry to improve working conditions.

A loud procession of thousands of workers wound through central Dhaka on Wednesday. Many waved the national flag and demanded the death penalty for the now-detained owner of the doomed building. From a loudspeaker on the back of a truck, a participant spoke for the throngs gathered: "My brother has died. My sister has died. Their blood will not be valueless."

The Bangladesh tragedy drew a denunciation from Pope Francis during a private Mass at the Vatican. He blasted what he called the "slave" wages of those who died, many of whom were being buried Wednesday as other bodies were still being pulled from the rubble. Francis criticized the focus on ``balance books" and personal profit that he said are tied to the failure to pay workers fair wages.

In Greece and Spain, increasing numbers of people are losing their jobs as governments grappling with a debt crisis have been cutting spending, raising taxes and pursuing other stinging austerity measures. Both countries have unemployment rates hovering just above 27 percent.

AP

A Cambodian garment factory worker, left, is her face painted with the U.S. currency sign as she joins a rally on May Day in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Syria's Assad in rare visit as rockets hit capital

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Syrian President Bashar Assad made a rare public appearance at a Damascus power station on Wednesday, while two bombs exploded near the city center, killing one and wounding over two dozen people, Syria's state news agency reported.

Footage of the visit broadcast on state television showed Assad chatting casually with a group of employees, two days after his prime minister narrowly escaped assassination by an explosion and a day after another major bombing in the capital took the lives of at least 14.

SANA said a 10-year-old boy was killed and 28 people wounded, some seriously, in Wednesday's attack, when bombs went off in Khaled Bin Walid street and the nearby Bab Mesalla square. It said the bombs were planted by "terrorists," a term the government uses to describe rebels fighting to topple the Syrian leader.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Bab Mesalla explosion was near a police station and came from rocket fire. It said the blast left casualties but did not have figures on dead or wounded. It also said that several people, including children, were wounded in the explosion in Khaled Bin Walid street.

Police had sealed off Bab Mesalla, which has restaurants, shops and a main public transportation station linking Damascus with the southern provinces of Daraa and Sweida, the Observatory added.

In the capital's western neighborhood of Mazzeh, two people were killed when a bomb attached to a bicycle went off, SANA said. On Monday, a bomb exploded as Prime Minister Wael Halqi's convoy drove by in the same neighborhood.

Assad's visit to the Umayyad Electrical Station in the Tishrin Park district came on International Workers Day, or May Day. State TV showed the Syrian leader, confident and wearing a dark business suit, addressing the station's staff and later shaking their hands. Similar still images also appeared on a page used by the Syrian presidency on the popular social network Facebook.

WORLD BRIEFS

Unidentified victims of Bangladesh collapse buried

JURAIN, Bangladesh (AP)—Dozens of Bangladeshi garment workers whose bodies were too battered or decomposed to be identified were buried in a mass funeral, a week after the eight-story building they worked in collapsed, killing at least 410 people and injuring thousands. Hundreds attended the traditional Muslim funeral and many more watched from the roofs of nearby buildings Wednesday as the bodies, rotting in the spring heat, were brought to the graveyard on the back of flatbed trucks. Onlookers covered their noses. One woman rushed through the crowd to the back of a truck wailing that one body was her sister's. She begged to take it as family members held her to keep her from collapsing.

North Korea sentences American to 15 years' labor

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—An American detained for nearly six months in North Korea has been sentenced to 15 years of labor for crimes against the state, the North's state media said Thursday, a development that further complicates already strained ties between Pyongyang and Washington. The sentencing of Kenneth Bae, described by friends as a devout Christian and a tour operator, comes amid signs of tentative diplomacy following weeks of rising tensions in the region. North Korea had been warning of nuclear war and missile strikes, an angry response to U.N. sanctions for conducting a long-range rocket launch in December and a nuclear test in February, as well as U.S.-South Korean military drills in South Korea. Analysts say Pyongyang could use Bae as a bargaining chip as it seeks dialogue with Washington.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to give notice that the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Commission's Conference room.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Hiring of Executive Director

V. Adjournment

(The Commission, pursuant to 1CMC §9912, may vote to meet in executive session to consult legal Counsel and/or discuss personnel matters.)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-018

RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION STUDY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for a Renewable Energy Integration Study for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The focus of this Renewable Energy Integration Study will be:

- To determine how much variable renewable energy (Solar PV and Wind) can CUC economically integrate into its grid?
- To investigate the operational impact - at penetration levels ranging from 10% to 50% - for Solar PV and Wind generation.

A Power System Analysis software with a Renewable Energy module will be purchased and installed on CUC computers for grid studies and operations. The contractor will recommend and install the software on computers provided by CUC. The contractor will model CUC's grid and carry out related Load-flow, Short Circuit, Stability (dynamic and transient), Transient and Protection analysis, as well as simulations.

The study should address these questions:

1. What is the impact of up to 50% variable renewable energy penetration and how can this be accommodated?
2. How much Solar PV or Wind generation can be connected on any of CUC's 13.8KV distribution feeders? Can geographic diversity or distributed generation will help mitigate variability?
3. How spinning reserve should be modified to account for the variability in Wind and Solar PV generation. What is the additional cost of spinning due to this variability?
4. What is the increased O&M cost of diesel generators due to increased ramping and cycling?
5. What are the Short Circuit levels and currents at interconnection points on the grid?
6. What are the supply quality problems; including voltage stability /collapse and frequency fluctuations?

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on April 30, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Off The Wall

Indian arrested for letting son, 9, drive Ferrari

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police in India have arrested a man who allowed his 9-year-old son to drive his Ferrari.

Mohammed Nisham was arrested on charges of endangering the life of a child and allowing a minor to drive, said Inspector Biju Kumar. He was released after posting bail of 5,000 rupees ($92), Kumar said.

Nisham's wife filmed the boy driving the sports car on his 9th birthday two weeks ago with his 5-year-old brother in the passenger seat. The video was widely watched on YouTube and created an outrage across India, causing police to file charges.

India's economic boom has created a class of super-rich, whose excesses are frequently in the news.

Police Inspector M.V. Verghese said the boy's father, who has a thriving tobacco and real estate business, owns 18 cars worth an estimated $4 million.

Nisham turned himself in at a police station near the port city of Kochi in the southern state of Kerala, Kumar said.

Police have impounded the Ferrari, but it will be returned to him in a few days after police complete the paperwork for the case, police said.

The boy's parents were unabashed. "I am proud of him. He's been driving since he was 5," said his mother, Amal Nisham.

She said the boy has also driven the family's Lamborghini and Bentley and other cars.

"It was his 9th birthday, and since he was insisting for months, we allowed him to drive the Ferrari. He is a cautious and confident driver," she told television channel NDTV.

"It's not easy for a child to achieve such a feat at this young age," she said.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Wrong turn leads Germans from home town to Austria

VIENNA (AP)—Instead of a five-minute trip home, a wrong turn led to an all-night drive for a pair of Germans that ended when police stopped their car in far-away Austria for heading the wrong way on a six-lane bridge. A police statement says the couple ended up more than 250 kilometers (150 miles) away from their Bavarian hometown. They were stopped early Tuesday after their car grazed three other vehicles while on the wrong side of a busy bridge in Linz, Austria's third-largest city. The two told police they apparently took a wrong turn after attending a funeral Monday evening and couldn't find their way back. Wednesday's statement says the driver's son picked up the unnamed Germans—his 77-year old father and his aunt, 70—and drove them home.

Montana pet owner to feds: The dog ate my money

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—A Montana man whose 12-year-old golden retriever ate five $100 bills hopes to be reimbursed by the federal government. Wayne Klinkel tells the Independent Record that his dog Sundance ate the bills while he and his wife were on a road trip to visit their daughter. Klinkel says he carefully picked through the dog's droppings, and his daughter recovered more when snow melted. He says he washed the remnants of the bills and taped them together and sent them to the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing with an explanation of what happened. The bureau's website says an "experienced mutilated currency examiner" will determine if at least 51 percent of a bill is present and eligible for reimbursement. The process can take up to two years.

Feds: Cartel-linked man arrested on NM dance floor

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Federal officials say a suspected drug trafficker affiliated with the deadly Sinaloa Cartel couldn't dance his troubles away. Omar Cota was taken into custody early Friday off a dance floor at Route 66 Casino's Club Envy in New Mexico. Officials say federal agents and police in Laguna arrested the 28-year-old after receiving a tip that he liked to go to the casino. The U.S. Marshals Service says Cota had an outstanding federal arrest warrant for drug trafficking and had eluded federal agents since February 2012. Authorities say agents found a large amount of cash and suspected drugs with Cota, who is believed to be a member of the Brew Town gang. It was unclear if Cota had an attorney.

Circus elephant shot in drive-by shot in Miss.

TUPELO, Miss. (AP)—A circus veterinarian says the Asian elephant wounded in a drive-by shooting in Mississippi should be fully recovered within a few weeks. Meanwhile, a reward for information leading to an arrest has climbed to $21,000. Dr. Dennis Schmitt, a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus veterinarian, says the 39-year-old Asian elephant named Carol will be taken home to Springfield, Mo., to recuperate. Schmitt says the bullet hit Carol in the neck just above the shoulder, but it missed any major blood vessels or nerves. Schmitt says the elephant has been alert and active since the injury. Police Chief Tony Carleton says a vehicle drove past Tupelo BancorpSouth Arena about 2 a.m. and fired into the area. Police are investigating.

Calif. school blunder: All dressed up but no prom

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)—Everyone got stood up at one Southern California high school's prom. The dance itself was a no-show. KABC-TV Los Angeles reports dozens of tuxedo-clad and corsage-wearing teens from Bloomington High School traveled 40 miles to Santa Anita Park on Saturday, only to discover they hadn't been told that the date of the big night had changed. Instead of the enchanting evening they were expecting, students were served chicken strips in a hastily arranged small hall where someone played music from a laptop computer. The San Bernardino County school's calendar and the prom invitations listed the event on April 27, but it was slated for May 4. Principal Ignacio Cabrera says there was miscommunication with event planners. A semi-formal substitute event is planned for May 18.

Stilt walker trekking around Michigan for charity

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Neil Sauter walks 9 feet off the ground. But he's more concerned with distance than height these days. Sauter plans to trek 400 miles across his home state during the next month as part of an effort to raise money for the United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan nonprofit. The 29-year-old Deerfield resident has mild cerebral palsy. His "Walk for No Limits" kicked off April 12 in Ann Arbor. His journey is scheduled to end May 19, not far from his southern Michigan home. Five years ago, Sauter stilt-walked 830 miles across the state and raised about $85,000 in the process. This time, he's looking to walk less and raise more. Sauter says that when he looks back, he's "going to be really proud of these trips."

Homeless man charged in LA-area arson killing

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Los Angeles County prosecutors say a 38-year-old homeless man suspected of setting a man on fire in a car outside a convenience store has been charged with murder. Raymond Sean Clark pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one count each of murder and arson causing great bodily injury. The allegations include special circumstances that would make him eligible for the death penalty, but prosecutors have not decided whether they'll seek it. Clark remains jailed without bail. Authorities say 63-year-old Jerry Payne was in his SUV outside a Long Beach 7-Eleven Friday when Clark walked up and tossed a flammable substance inside, enveloping Payne in flames. Bystanders helped douse Payne with water but he died at a hospital Monday. Clark was arrested nearby. Investigators are trying to determine what motivated the attack.

Wanted: Polar bear spotter on Norwegian islands

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Do you enjoy the outdoors and have strong vocal cords? If so, Norway might have a summer job for you: three weeks in the Arctic wilderness spotting polar bears. The governor's office on the remote northern islands of Svalbard is seeking a polar bear spotter to warn researchers doing projects in the region. The job starts July 8 and also requires previous experience with the outdoors, good polar bear spotting skills and a competence with firearms. But Helge Solli from the governor's office says the successful candidate likely won't have to use a gun "just as long as they have a loud voice" to scare off any bears. There are an estimated 3,000 polar bears in the Svalbard archipelago, which has a human population of about 2,400.

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Head Start Policy Council

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Special Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2013 at 11:30 a.m., Napu Room, Pacific Islands Club, San Antonio, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes of April 23, 2013

II. New Business
1. Action Items
   a. Approval of SY 12-13 Community Assessment Report

III. Miscellaneous Matters

IV. Executive Session [1]

V. Next Meeting

VI. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org.

/s/ Antonio Mesngon
Chairperson

[1] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-019

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting August 01, 2013 through August 30, 2017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
MAY 2, 2013

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, BEACH ROAD, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA:

I. Preliminary Matters
   1. Roll Call
   2. Adoption of Agenda
   3. Adoption of Minutes – CDA Board Meeting March 6, 2013
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
   1. Executive Director
   2. Comptroller
   3. Legal Counsel
IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. NEW BUSINESS
VI. OTHER MATTERS
VII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ **PEDRO I. ITIBUS**
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

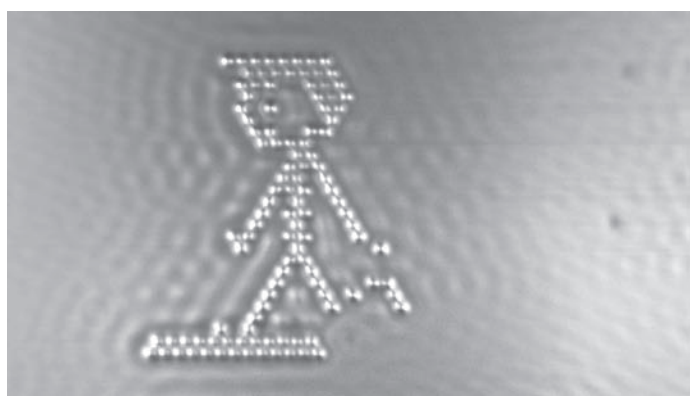
Science & Technology

IBM makes tiny movie by pushing molecules around

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—Scientists have taken the idea of a film short down to new levels. Molecular levels.

IBM says it has made the tiniest stop-motion movie ever—a one-minute video of individual carbon monoxide molecules repeatedly rearranged to show a boy dancing, throwing a ball and bouncing on a trampoline.

Each frame measures 45 by 25 nanometers—there are 25 million nanometers in an inch—but hugely magnified, the movie (http://bit.ly/17ZmHIt) is reminiscent of early video games, particularly when the boy bounces the ball off the side of the frame accompanied by simple music and sound effects.



AP

In this undated image taken from video and provided by IBM, a boy composed of carbon monoxide molecules rides a skateboard in a scene from what IBM claims to be the world's tiniest stop-action movie.

The movie is titled, "A Boy and His Atom."

Videos showing atoms in motion have been seen before but Andreas Heinrich, IBM's principal scientist for the project, said Tuesday this is the first time anything so small has been maneuvered to tell a story.

"This movie is a fun way to share the atomic-scale world," Heinrich said. "The reason we made this was not to convey a scientific message directly, but to engage with students, to prompt them to ask questions."

Jamie Panas of Guinness World Records said Guinness certified the movie as "Smallest Stop-Motion Film."

IBM used a remotely operated two-ton scanning tunneling microscope at its lab in San Jose, Calif., to make the movie earlier this year. The microscope magnifies the surface over 100 million times. It operates at 450 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (268 degrees below zero Celsius).

The cold "makes life simpler for us," Heinrich said. "The atoms hold still. They would move around on their own at room temperature."

Scientists used the microscope to control a tiny, supersharp needle along a copper surface, IBM said. At a distance of just 1 nanometer, the needle physically attracted the carbon monoxide molecules and pulled them to a precisely specified location on the surface.

The dots that make up the figures in the movie are the oxygen atoms in the molecule, Heinrich said.

The scientists took 242 still images that make up the movie's 242 frames.

Heinrich said the techniques used to make the movie are similar to what IBM is doing to make data storage smaller.

Number of Facebook's active users

Facebook says it now has 1.11 billion people using the site each month, slightly more than the 1.06 billion reported three months earlier. It represents a 23 percent growth from a year earlier.

The figure is as of March 31 and was disclosed Wednesday in Facebook's quarterly earnings report.

Facebook also says it had 665 million active users each day on average in March, up 26 percent from a year earlier, and 751 million using Facebook from a mobile device each month, up 54 percent.

In addition, Facebook says it had 751 million monthly active mobile users in the first quarter, up 10 percent from 680 million in the fourth quarter of 2012.

WORLD OF FACEBOOK

Here is a look at how the number of active users at Facebook has grown:

- 1 million—End of 2004.
- 5.5 million—End of 2005.
- 12 million—End of 2006.
- 20 million—April 2007.
- 50 million—October 2007.
- 100 million—August 2008.
- 150 million—January 2009.
- 175 million—February 2009.
- 200 million—April 2009.
- 250 million—July 2009.
- 300 million—September 2009.
- 350 million—End of 2009.
- 400 million—February 2010.
- 500 million—July 2010.
- 608 million—End of 2010.
- 750 million—July 2011.
- 800 million—September 2011.
- 845 million—End of 2011.
- 901 million—March 2012.
- 955 million—June 2012.
- billion—September 2012.
- 1.06 billion—December 2012.
- 1.11 billion—March 2013.

Source: Facebook Inc.

Branch out into foreign languages

By REID KANALEY
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Using smartphone applications to learn a language or as a personal translator will broaden your horizons. Take a look at these options.

Duolingo is an ambitious World Wide Web translation project masquerading as a language-learning app.

Dreamed up by a team of geniuses at Carnegie Mellon University, the free Duolingo teaches Spanish, German, French, Portuguese or Italian while the student translates Web content. The team has promised an Android version this month, but at the moment only an iPhone version is available.

Getting millions of people to participate in a "massive-scale online collaboration" is the aim of Duolingo. But you can forget all about that and just do the learning. You'll "learn by doing," says Duolingo's chief creator, Luis von Ahn.

You jump in and begin seeing and hearing simple words in the foreign language and start translating, learning nouns, verbs and parts of speech without memorizing declensions and without tears.

For a mind-boggling explanation of what's going on, watch von Ahn's presentation on massive-scale online collaboration at http://bit.ly/12VNTVv.

For translating on the fly, there's Google Inc.'s Google Translate, a free app with versions for most devices, though the Android iteration has the most features. The app works in scores of languages including Azerbaijani, Estonian, Icelandic, Persian, Russian and Urdu.

With patience, you could use Google Translate to "converse" with someone even if neither of you knows the other's language. Type or speak a phrase and tap for the translation. The Android version has a "conversation mode" that displays each side of a discussion in cartoon-voice bubbles.

Lingualia—Language Course is a free new app from Lingualia SL Education and is for iPhone and Web users, though an Android version is in the works. After you sign up, Lingualia asks whether you want to learn Spanish or English. Another tap and the app takes you to the first lesson. Hola! You are off and running with a dialogue between Juan and Mario.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Andrea Villagomez Cabrera Duenas

February 25, 1958 – April 29, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Father: †Victorino C. Cabrera
Father-in-law: †Jose P. Duenas
Brother, Son, Grandchildren & In-laws:
†Joseph V. Cabrera
†Anthony Cabrera Duenas, Jr.
†Antonette D. Ada
†Isidro George D. Ada
†Albert A. Duenas

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:
Husband: **Anthony Indalecio Duenas**
Mother: Merced Villagomez Cabrera
Mother-in-law: Rufina Indalecio Duenas
Children & Family: **Haviva Victorina D. & Raymond S. Saures** (Joseph Victorino D. Ada/Stephanie Limes [Johani L. Ada]) (Geovie Ann Marie D. Ada) (Kenneth Cole Cabrera) (George Anthony D. Ada)
Patrick Joseph & Ruby Jane T. Duenas (Patrick T. Duenas Jr.) (Kiesha Ann T. Duenas)
Christiana Akie Cabrera Duenas (Ginnie A. Demapan) (Kiana Keoni Duenas Demapan)
Raymond Ignacio Cabrera Duenas/Virginia Atalig Omar (Dray Anton O. Duenas)
Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Rosalia C. Duenas & Family
Francisco V. & Linda Cabrera and Family
Ignacio V. and Anicia A. Cabrera & Family
Margaritta V. Cabrera & Family
Leonardo V. Cabrera/Jovie Quitugua & Family
†Joseph V. Cabrera & Family
Vicente V. & Medina Cabrera & Family
Matilde C. and Pete Igitol & Family
Ramon V. and Elsie P. Cabrera & Family
Joseph I. Duenas/Juanita Fejeran & Family
Pedro I. and Rowena B. Duenas and Family
Teresita I. Duenas & Family
Jesusa P. and Roger Hernandez & Family
Vicente I. Duenas & Family
Rita D. and Noel Verder & Family
Manuel I. and Molly Ann M. Duenas & Family
Rufina and Riolante Mostales & Family
Thomas I. & Thelma K. Duenas & Family
Trini D. and Peter Babauta & Family
Bernita D. and Ted Cruz & Family
Raymond I. Duenas & Family
Extended Family: Joseph and Arlene Cruz & Family
Minoru Oikawa & Family

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at 07:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, May 07, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 07:30 a.m. Responso Services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 08:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Anthony Indalecio Duenas
Merced Villagomez Cabrera
Rufina Indalecio Duenas
Children and Families

Life & Style

YouTube says the battle with TV already over

NEW YORK (AP)—YouTube vs. TV? YouTube says the battle—if there ever was one—is over.

In a flashy presentation to advertisers Wednesday night, Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt declined to forecast that Internet video will displace television watching. Instead he declared: "That's already happened."

Schmidt said "the future is now" for YouTube, which recently passed the milestone of 1 billion unique visitors every month. But, he added with the Third World in mind, if you think that's a large number, "wait until you get to 6 (billion) or 7 billion."

Schmidt and YouTube, which billed the event as a "brandcast," shifted away from the video platform's relationship to TV. A year ago, YouTube seemed to have its sights set on reinventing television by funding the launch of more than 100 channels from well-known media brands and Hollywood personalities.

But that initiative went unmentioned at Wednesday's presentation, held at a Lower East Side pier as part of a week of "NewFronts," (digital media's version of the TV tradition of promoting programming and selling ads). Though the model for the evening was TV, YouTube used it to distinguish itself as something entirely different.

"It's not a replacement for something that we know," said Schmidt. "It's a new thing that we have to think about, to program, to curate and build new platforms."

The presentation featured performances by Snoop Dogg and Macklemore, as well as YouTube personalities like Felicia Day. YouTube focused on its global reach, community engagement and enormous audience.

"I thought that YouTube was like TV, but it isn't. I was wrong," said Robert Kyncl, YouTube's global head of content. "TV is one-way. YouTube talks back."

Some comparisons were inevitable. One fact highly touted was that more 18- to 34-year-olds watch YouTube than any cable network.

"TV means reach," said Kyncl. "YouTube means engagement."

Though companies like Yahoo and AOL have used their NewFront presentations to announce new slates of original programming, YouTube made no programming announcements Wednesday night.

It did, though, announce a partnership with the Association of National Adverstisers' Alliance for Family Entertainment to create more digital family content.

YouTube also celebrated DreamWorks Animation's purchase Wednesday of the teen-focused YouTube network Awesomeness TV for $33 million. DreamWorks CEO Jeffery Katzenberg appeared with Awesomeness founder and CEO Brian Robbins, the former "Head of the Class" actor

"This is a whole new form of content, content delivery and content consumption," said Katzenberg. "It's the medium of the future and the future has already arrived."

PepsiCo pulls Mountain Dew ad after criticism

NEW YORK (AP)—PepsiCo is once again learning the risks of celebrity partnerships after an ad for Mountain Dew was criticized for portraying racial stereotypes and making light of violence toward women.

The soda and snack food company said it immediately pulled the 60-second spot after learning that people found it offensive. The ad was part of a series developed by African-American rapper Tyler, The Creator, and depicted a battered white woman on crutches being urged to identify a suspect out of a lineup of black men.

A goat character known as Felicia is included in the lineup and makes threatening comments to the woman, such as "Ya better not snitch on a playa" and "Keep ya mouth shut."

The woman eventually screams "I can't do this, no no no!" and runs away. The word "do" is in apparent reference to the soft drink's "Dew It" slogan.

Mountain Dew, known for its neon color and high caffeine content, is generally marketed to younger men and sometimes attempts to have edgier ads. But the controversy over its latest spot illustrates the fine line that companies must walk when trying to be hip.

In fact, Mountain Dew also was criticized recently because of its endorsement deal with Lil Wayne, whose rap lyrics compared a rough sex act to the tortuous death of Emmett Till, a black teen who was murdered in 1955 for allegedly whistling at a white woman. Last month, Reebok also ended its relationship with Rick Ross after he rapped about giving a woman a drug to have his way with her.

AP

This Aug. 28, 2011 file photo shows Tyler the Creator posing backstage with the award for best new artist backstage at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

Laura Ries, president of Ries & Ries, a marketing firm based in Atlanta, said companies that want the "street cred" of a celebrity may end up losing control of the message they want to convey.

If PepsiCo had created an ad for Mountain Dew, for example, she said it might not have been considered edgy or cool. But by handing over control to a celebrity, she said the company ran the risk of having an ad that wasn't appropriate.

PepsiCo Inc., based in Purchase, N.Y., said it understood how the ad could be offensive.

"We apologize for this video and take full responsibility," the company said in an updated statement late Wednesday afternoon. "We have removed it from all Mountain Dew channels and Tyler is removing it from his channels as well."

Jen Ryan, a spokeswoman for PepsiCo, said the company learned from its consumer relations team on Tuesday that people found the ad offensive. She declined to explain the approval process for the ad but said it was never meant to run on TV.

Tyler, the Creator's raps have been criticized for being misogynistic and homophobic at times but he has also expressed support for the singer Frank Ocean, who revealed he was bisexual.

Management of Odd Future, the hip-hop collective led by Tyler, the Creator, issued a statement apologizing to anyone offended but said the ad was taken out of context. It noted the men in ad's lineup are Tyler's friends and Odd Future members.

The artist "absolutely never intended to spark a controversy about race," the statement said. "It was simply an, again, admittedly absurd story that was never meant to be taken seriously."

Detective details financial woes of Jackson doctor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The doctor convicted of involuntarily killing Michael Jackson appeared to be on trial again Wednesday as a lawyer for Jackson's mother tried to show the physician's desperate financial situation drove him to extremes in his treatment of the superstar.

Attorney Brian Panish, questioning a police detective, hammered away at the depths of debt that enveloped Conrad Murray when he agreed to give Jackson what he wanted—infusions of the powerful anesthetic propofol to make him sleep.

The pop star offered Murray $150,000 a month to travel with him on his ill-fated "This Is It" concert tour. AEG Live LLC, the concert promoter, reluctantly agreed, according to testimony in the doctor's criminal case by AEG executives.

Panish used the testimony of police detective Orlando Martinez to suggest that if AEG had investigated Murray's background, it would have found a man so encumbered by debt that he was not trustworthy.

The testimony came during the trial of the negligence lawsuit filed by Katherine Jackson claiming AEG didn't properly investigate the doctor who gave her son a lethal dose of propofol. The company denies wrongdoing.

Murray is not a party to the high-stakes court contest. He is serving a four-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter.

AEG attorneys said they intend to call him as a witness. He remains in jail and is appealing his conviction.

A coroner ruled that the 50-year-old star died of the overdose of propofol in his bed on June 25, 2009, while under Murray's care. The drug was not intended for home use.

Martinez, who was lead investigator on Jackson's death, said he discovered that Murray faced student loans, home loans, child support obligations and credit card payments that were in arrears in 2009. Panish said the debts totaled nearly $1 million.

Martinez said he found that Murray had eight children by seven different women and was supposed to be supporting all of them. He said the doctor was about to lose his home and his office in Las Vegas. Without his big payday from Jackson and AEG, he would have been in financial ruin, Martinez said, suggesting this caused him to disregard his medical oath.

Martinez testified he found most of the debts against Murray in public records that would have been readily available to AEG.

AEG denies it hired Murray, and it is likely to blame Jackson for insisting on having Murray as his doctor because of his dependence on propofol.

.Millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake in the trial, which may last 90 court days.

Mitch Albom switches publishers, has 3-book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Mitch Albom, one of the country's most popular authors, has a new publisher and a new novel coming this fall.

The author of the sentimental favorite "Tuesdays With Morrie" has a three-book deal with Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. Albom's previous publisher was the Disney-owned Hyperion, where he had spent much of his career.

At Harper, Albom will be edited by Karen Rinaldi, a friend since the 1990s when she attempted—and failed—to acquire "Tuesdays With Morrie" for Crown.

"I have never forgotten our first meeting and his subsequent success, which have always been bittersweet for me," Rinaldi said in a statement. "It is particularly satisfying to bring Mitch to Harper, where our team's expertise and spirit of collaboration will create an unprecedented focus and passion for the next phase of Mitch's exceptional writing career."

Albom

"We see stories the same way," Albom, 54, said in a statement. "It's going to be a joy working with her."

Harper told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Albom's next book is called "The First Phone Call from Heaven," the story of a small Michigan town where residents start receiving phone calls from those in the afterlife. Albom said in the statement that the new novel "is maybe my favorite story yet, a tale of belief, love and mystery."

Albom, whose previous works include "Have a Little Faith" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," had been a signature author for Hyperion, which has been focusing in recent years on books tied to a fellow Disney company, ABC television. Albom's agent, David Black, declined to comment on why he left Hyperion and instead emphasized his bond with Rinaldi, Harper's senior vice president and executive editor. Hyperion issued a statement Wednesday saying, "We hope Mitch Albom's career continues to grow."

Financial terms for Albom's deal with Harper were not disclosed.

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Chris Kelly, of rap duo Kris Kross, dies

ATLANTA (AP)—Chris Kelly, half of the 1990s kid rap duo Kris Kross who made one of the decade's most memorable songs with the frenetic "Jump," died at an Atlanta hospital on Wednesday of an apparent drug overdose at his home, authorities said. He was 34.

"It appears it may have been a possible drug overdose," said Cpl. Kay Lester, a spokeswoman for the Fulton County police.

This, Lester said, is based on statements received at the scene as well as evidence turned up at Kelly's home in south Atlanta.

According to Lester, police were called to Kelly's home at around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. He was transported to the south campus of the Atlanta Medical Center.

Investigator Betty Honey of the Fulton County Medical Examiner's office said Kelly was pronounced dead at the hospital at around 5 p.m. Wednesday.

No official cause of death has been determined, pending an autopsy.

Kelly, known as "Mac Daddy," and Chris Smith, known as "Daddy Mac," were introduced to the music world in 1992 by music producer and rapper Jermaine Dupri after he discovered the pair in an Atlanta mall. The duo wore their clothes backwards as a gimmick, but they won over fans with their raps.

AP

In this Feb. 23, 2013 photo, Chris Kelly of Kris Kross performs on stage at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta during the So So Def 20th Anniversary Concert. Kelly, half of the 1990s kid rap duo Kris Kross who made one of the decade's most memorable songs with the frenetic "Jump," died Wednesday, May 1, 2013, according to authorities.

Their first, and by far most successful song, was "Jump." The hit, off their multiplatinum 1992 debut album "Totally Krossed Out," featured the two trading versus and rapping the refrain, the song's title. The duo had surprising maturity in their rap delivery, though the song was written by Dupri. It would become a No. 1 smash in the United States and globally, and one of the most popular of that year.

Their success led to instant fame: They toured with Michael Jackson, appeared on TV shows, and even had their own video game.

The group was never able to match the tremendous success of their first song, though they had other hits like "Warm It Up," and "Tonite's tha Night."

In 2009, after photos surfaced that showed him with bald spots on his head, there were rumors that he had cancer. But in an interview posted on YouTube by Straight from the A TV, he said he suffered from alopecia, a condition in which people lose their hair.

"My health is good, I just got alopecia, I don't have cancer, not other sort of diseases," he said.

Earlier this year, the group performed together to celebrate the anniversary of Durpri's label, So So Def.

'Billy the Exterminator' drug charge: guilty plea

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—William "Billy" Bretherton, star of the A&E reality TV show "Billy the Exterminator," has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of possessing synthetic marijuana, his attorney said.

Bretherton was put on probation for a year and prosecutors dropped charges against his wife at a hearing April 19 in Bossier Parish, attorney Allyn Stroud said Tuesday.

He said Bretherton was given a suspended 60-day jail term and fined $500 and that the reality TV star has agreed to undergo substance abuse evaluation and treatment. Bretherton's probation requires community service and regular drug and alcohol testing, Stroud said.

When Billy and Mary Bretherton were arrested last year in Bossier Parish, a spokesman for the northwest Louisiana municipality of Bossier City said police answering a 911 hang-up call from a hotel room had found the Brethertons with suspected synthetic marijuana and a device often used to smoke drugs.

That happened in April 2012; police got an arrest warrant in June after tests found synthetic marijuana on the device, Mark Natale said.

They were booked with one count each of possession of synthetic marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both charges against Mary Bretherton and the paraphernalia citation against her husband were dropped.

Keith Richards: I don't own an iPod

NEW YORK (AP)—He's rock royalty and likes to keep it old-school: Keith Richards says he doesn't own an iPod.

Richards

The Rolling Stones guitarist says he isn't a fan of the ultra-popular music device.

"I don't have an iPod. ... I still use CDs or records actually. Sometimes cassettes. It has much better sound; a much better sound than digital," he said in a recent interview.

The 69-year-old believes music lovers are "all being short-changed" with the sound that comes out of an iPod, launched in 2001.

"My old lady's got one. My kids have got them. I say, 'Look me up this.' Or, 'Oh I like that. Check me that,'" he said. "I know what these things can do. I'm not totally anti-them."

The Rolling Stones' "50 & Counting Tour" kicks off Friday in Los Angeles. The Stones released their self-titled debut in 1964, and while Richards has accepted that the music industry is digitally driven today, he's not completely OK with it.

"They're sucked into it and they can't get out of it, nor can we; so is the public," he said. "There's something missing there, but it's the price of the future I guess."

Grisham sequel to 'A Time to Kill' to be published

NEW YORK (AP)—The defense attorney in John Grisham's first novel, "A Time to Kill," is returning to the courtroom.

Grisham's new book, "Sycamore Row," will be published Oct. 22, the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group announced Wednesday. Like "A Time to Kill," it will feature Jake Brigance as a lawyer in a small Mississippi town. Knopf Doubleday promises a trademark Grisham tale of "intrigue, suspense and plot twists."

"A Time to Kill" was published in 1989 and sold modestly. But after "The Firm" and other thrillers made Grisham a brand name, his first book was reissued and became a best-seller. "A Time to Kill," in which Brigance successfully defends a man accused of murder, was later been adapted into both a movie and a stage production.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

The Civil Wars return late summer with new album

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Civil Wars are returning with a new album. The duo announced the news on their website Wednesday afternoon. They posted an image of the new self-titled album's cover along with a pair of handwritten notes from Joy Williams and John Paul White thanking fans for their patience. The album will be released late summer by Columbia Records and is the follow-up to The Civil Wars' debut, "Barton Hollow." That album earned the duo two of their three Grammy Awards and a rapidly growing fan base. But their future together appeared in doubt when they canceled a European tour mid-trip, citing irreconcilable differences. The album cover is a column of smoke from a fire. White writes in his note to fans: "Patience is a virtue. Yours has been appreciated."

Pink Floyd poser arrested for theft by swindle

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP)—A man is accused of pretending to be a member of rock band Pink Floyd at a Minnesota hospital—and racking up as much as $100,000 in unpaid medical bills. Police say the 53-year-old Monticello man went to St. Cloud Hospital for treatment April 20. He claimed he was Pink Floyd singer-guitarist David Gilmour and that he didn't have health insurance. He was treated and released, but not before signing an autograph. The St. Cloud Times says hospital security was suspicious about the man's identity and his medical records were flagged. The man returned for more treatment several days later and, confronted by police, admitted he wasn't Gilmour. The man was booked into the Stearns County Jail on a possible charge of theft by swindle.

Job offer from dad has too many strings attached

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm 29 and for 10 years I have been struggling with controlling parents. They have cut two of my sisters out of their lives because they live closer to their spouses' parents.

My husband and I are full-time students, ex-military and taking advantage of the G.I. Bill. We're looking for jobs, but my parents have threatened not to speak to me if we take jobs closer to his parents. I'm trying to be fair to both sets of parents, but we can't stay unemployed because of this issue. We have a family to support.

I tried reasoning with them, but I'm unsure how to proceed. Dad called and offered my husband a job in my hometown. We declined because if we accept, they will expect us to live near them. Please tell me what to do. I don't want my family to fall apart any more than it already has.

SMOTHERED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SMOTHERED: If you feel smothered now, imagine how it would be if you and your husband were economically dependent on your parents. No part of your lives would be separate from them, and you would be completely under their control. Holding the family together is not your responsibility, and you should not sacrifice your independence in an attempt to do so.

Your parents' emotional blackmail has already driven away two of your sisters and their families. I assume you have relationships with your siblings. I'm advising you to maintain them and live your own lives. With time, your parents may realize they haven't isolated their children; they have isolated only themselves.

DEAR ABBY: Today I saw a former classmate I hadn't seen in 22 years. He always seemed a little slow and different from the rest of us, and he was picked on at school because of it. When I said hello to him and reminded him of my name and that we went to school together, he said, "You danced with me at prom, and I always thought that was so nice!" I had forgotten that I had danced with him, but obviously, the fact that I did meant something to him.

My parents raised me to be nice to everyone, even if they weren't in my circle of friends. I'm not claiming that I was a saint in school, but I did try to stand up for people who were being picked on.

I wanted to share with your readers that any act of kindness probably means more than you know to the other person. I will be sharing my parents' message of kindness with my own daughter, and I hope other parents read this and do the same.

PASSING IT ON IN OHIO

DEAR PASSING IT ON: Thank you for a wonderful letter. Your lesson in compassion is one that all parents should discuss with their children.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an 18-year-old girl who will be job searching pretty soon. I have never felt the need to wear makeup in my day-to-day life, but now I'm wondering. Is it unprofessional to go into a workplace sans makeup? Will future bosses think I don't look put-together? I wonder if any other girls my age are having the same confusion.

READY TO BE OUT THERE

DEAR READY: It depends upon what kind of job you'll be searching for. If you plan to work with the public, you should try to look your best at all times. For your interviews, you should be neatly, but conservatively dressed. And as for makeup, you needn't apply it as though you were going on stage, but a touch of color wouldn't hurt.

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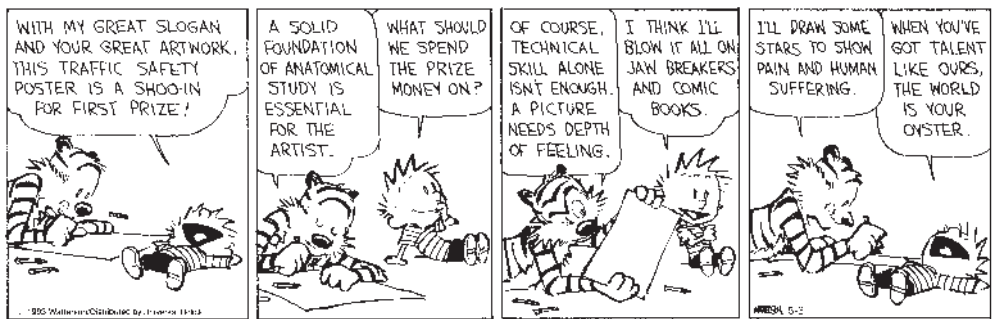
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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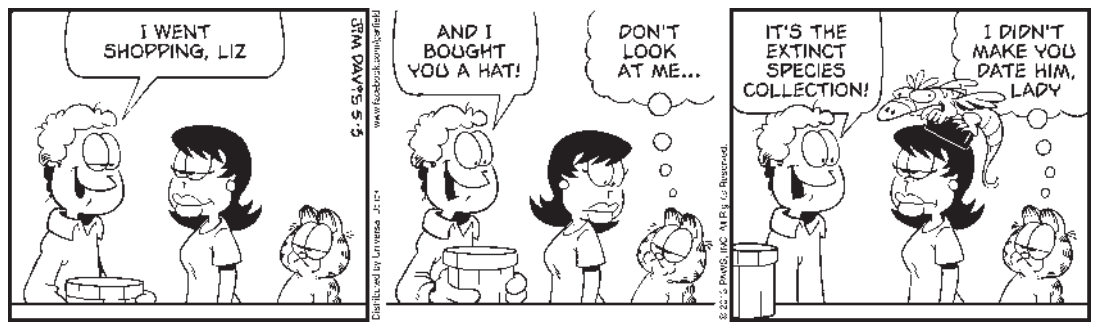

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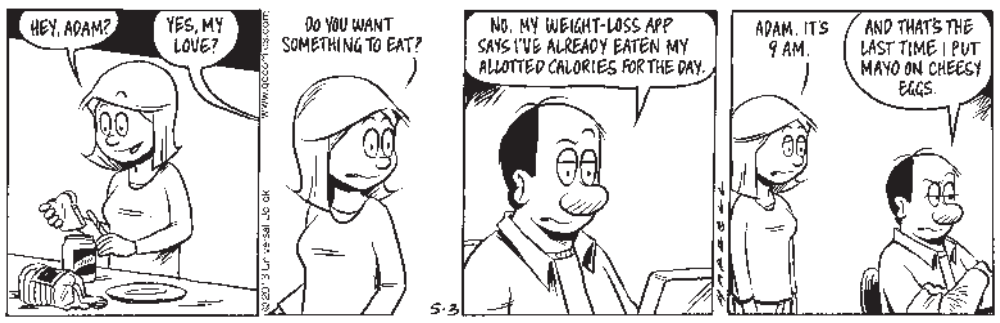
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DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?
NO. MY WEIGHT-LOSS APP SAYS I'VE ALREADY EATEN MY ALLOTTED CALORIES FOR THE DAY.
ADAM. IT'S 9 AM.
AND THAT'S THE LAST TIME I PUT MAYO ON CHEESY EGGS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Supreme Court Justice Thurgood —
17 Calm before the storm
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19 Refuge
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29 "— Got a Secret"
30 Left-hand page
31 Ostrich's cousin
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40 "Wozzeck" composer
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50 See 49-Across
51 Tarzan's creator's monogram

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2 Vast expense
3 Storyteller in court
4 Detox center
5 Terrible guy?
6 "— Abner"
7 Right angle
8 Sandwich sausage
9 Burden
10 Place to buy 8-Down
11 Piercing tools
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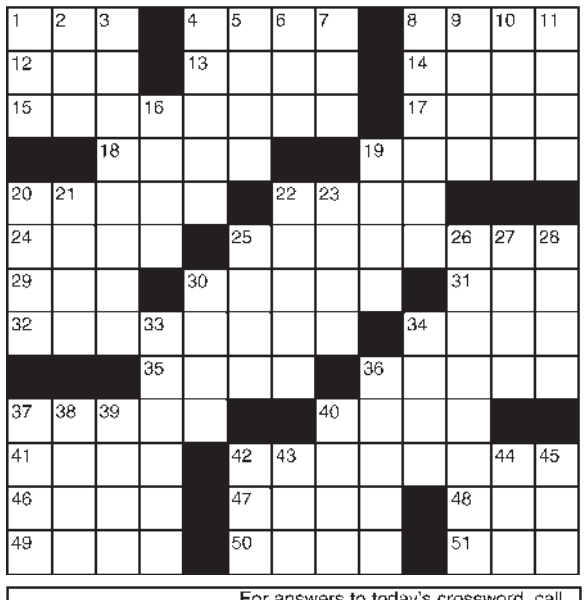
Yesterday's answer 5-3



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cheryl Burke, 29; Christina Hendricks, 38; Dule Hill, 38; Kristin Lehman, 41

Happy Birthday: Plan and organize, but most of all follow through. Join or participate in groups or events of an unusual nature that can add to your knowledge and experience. Offering help is fine, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness. Offer unique suggestions, not your money. A relationship may need an adjustment to work sufficiently. Your numbers are 3, 9, 21, 23, 30, 37, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your heart is in the right place, but that doesn't mean you should let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. You can gain respect and develop new friendships by sharing equally. Pleasure trips will stimulate your desire for change. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let emotions interfere with your plans. Use your imagination and you will find a way to avoid setbacks you encounter. Take care of your health by taking time out to relax at the end of the day. Honor a promise. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take on a challenge but don't let anyone trick you into trying to do the impossible. Know your limits and use your skills and talents wisely. Someone you do business with has a hidden agenda. Double-check all facts and figures. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Step up and do something that will make you feel proud, useful and bring you satisfaction. Offering assistance or volunteering for a position that gives you the option to make a difference to your community will heighten your reputation. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Slow down and observe what everyone else is doing. Making a statement, a move or even a suggestion will work against you. Focus on personal awareness, your current lifestyle and the positive personal improvements you can make. Accept the inevitable. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Embrace new beginnings. Journey mentally and physically to destinations that encourage you to follow your dreams. Personal and professional relationships will flourish if you collaborate to bring about positive change. Love is in the stars, and romance should be planned. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Contracts, agreements, financial or health issues should all be looked at very carefully. Don't let someone bully you into making a decision if you aren't ready to settle. Ask for expert advice and let your intuition guide you down the right path. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Discuss your plans. Getting others on board will make it easier for you to forge ahead. A partnership will encourage teamwork and greater creative expansion at home and at work. Let your imagination be your guide. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Emotional issues will cause stress. You are best to wait to see what others do before you react. Personal alterations will occupy your time and keep you out of trouble. A past partner will be the reason you want to embrace change. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Listen and react. You will be able to size up a situation quickly and decide what's required in order to come out on top. Recognize that stability is the key and unpredictability the enemy. Love and romance should be on your agenda. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Expect to experience difficulties with superiors, authority figures or while traveling. Delays, setbacks and emotional interjection can all be expected if you aren't willing to make the changes required to offset the opposition you face. A change at home will be beneficial. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Draw up agreements or put your finances in order and you will find a way to accommodate new endeavors that you want to pursue. Plan to socialize or indulge in a little romantic action. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, sensitive and hardworking. You have high standards.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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5/03

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CATNAPS — Solution: 9 letters

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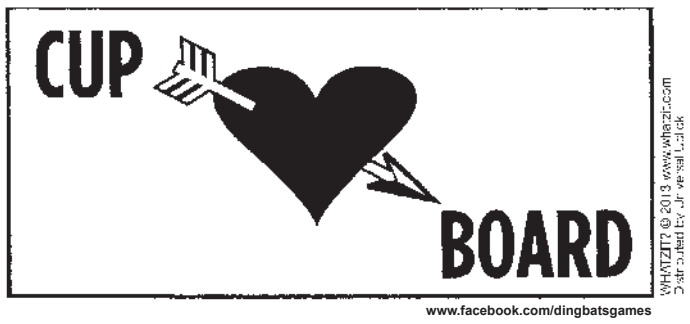

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- **ENRIQUE Q. SALAS and ROSARIO T. SALAS,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0067** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED April 09, 2013 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

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- With photography skills;
- Must have reliable means of transportation.

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WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Guest Relations Officer
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Proficiency in Japanese & Chinese languages. Must be able to read, write, and speak Japanese/Chinese. Minimum of two(2) years in hotel front desk or concierge services strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Lifeguard (full time & part-time)
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Cook
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training/ education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Mechanic/Electrician
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Formal electrician education or training highly preferred. Formal Training in Mechanical repair/engineering highly preferred.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Human Resources Clerk
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of two years experience of progressively responsible human resources experience is required. Knowledge of pertinent HR regulations and procedures and ability to multi-task. Must have knowledge of employment rules and regulations of the state and federal laws.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Graphic Artist
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of two (2) years experience in computer graphic design. Formal education/training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Accountant
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in accounting strongly preferred. Minimum two years experience as a supervisory level employee in the field of accounting or business operations highly preferred. A certified public accountant qualification preferred but not required.

OPEN DATE: April 26, 2013 **POSITION:** Steward
CLOSE DATE: May 3, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
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For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 575/576.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-020

DESIGN-BUILD RENOVATION OF CUC WAREHOUSE OFFICE AND STORAGE FACILITY

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility of the Commonwealth Utilities, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The selected A&E and Construction firm shall perform design and construction services for the renovation of the CUC Warehouse in Lower Base, Saipan. The firm must have experience on past design-build projects particularly on the island of Saipan.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-020, Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility, Saipan"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated, pre-qualified and selected based on the following criteria:

1. Familiarity and understanding of the CUC Warehouse staff daily activities
2. Qualifications and Experience of the A&E and the Contractor
   - o Proposed Methodology and Project Approach with Milestone Schedule
   - o Proposed Staffing and Experience
   - o List and Performance Recommendation on similar contracts, including the timeliness of the firms in meeting contract deadlines
   - o Present Workload and Availability

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Request for Proposal and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations ss 50-50-301 & 305, Procurement of Construction and Architect-Engineering Services.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org. with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Warehouse Manager, via email john.mafnas@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Celtics stay alive, beat Knicks to force Game 6

NEW YORK (AP)—Back in the series, now back to Boston.

The Celtics are two victories from NBA history, and from extending the Knicks' postseason futility in a most improbable manner.

Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 18 rebounds and the Celtics stayed alive in the playoffs, cutting New York's lead to 3-2 with a 92-86 victory Wednesday night.

The Celtics will host Game 6 on Friday night, needing two victories to become the first NBA team to overcome a 3-0 deficit to win a series.

"We're still down. Our mentality has to be all-out," Garnett said. "It can't be anything (else)."

Brandon Bass added 17 points, steadying Boston as it shook off an 11-0 deficit and pulled away in the second half to stop the Knicks again from achieving their first playoff series victory since 2000.

"We didn't panic and that's something we've done, but we didn't," coach Doc Rivers said. "I thought once the game got back to that five, six area, our guys were good again."

J.R. Smith, back from his one-game suspension for elbowing Jason Terry with the Knicks way ahead late in Game 3, missed his first 10 shots and finished 3 of 14 for 14 points.

Terry also scored 17 off the bench.

Jeff Green scored 18 points and Paul Pierce had 16 as he and Garnett, the two franchise stalwarts, extended this season—and perhaps their Celtics careers—at least one more game.

"Obviously being down 2-0 or 3-0 or whatever it was, we could have folded shop. Nobody in here is going to quit," Terry said.

Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points but was just 8 of 24 in another dismal shooting night for the Knicks, who blew a big lead in this game and now the series. They face an unwanted trip back to Boston instead of the rest this aging roster could surely use before the second round.

If they get there.

"I think we're fine," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said. "Sure we would've loved to close it out and move on, but nobody said it would be easy."

The Knicks would host Game 7 on Sunday.

"I told you from Game 1 that this wasn't going to be a breeze, it wasn't going to be a walk in the park, them guys were going to fight and they're showing some fight right now," Anthony said. "They threw a couple punches at us now and it's time for us to do the same."

The Celtics were the first of the eight NBA teams that have come from 3-1 down, beating Philadelphia in 1968, and put themselves on the short list of teams that have erased a 2-0 deficit the next year in the NBA Finals.

So perhaps it would be fitting if they were the first to overcome 3-0.

"I think so. I mean, I think that would be wonderful, and someone's going to do it and I want it to be us, obviously, since that's the situation we're in," Rivers said before the game. "Someone will do it, and I really want to be a part of that."

He's still got a chance.

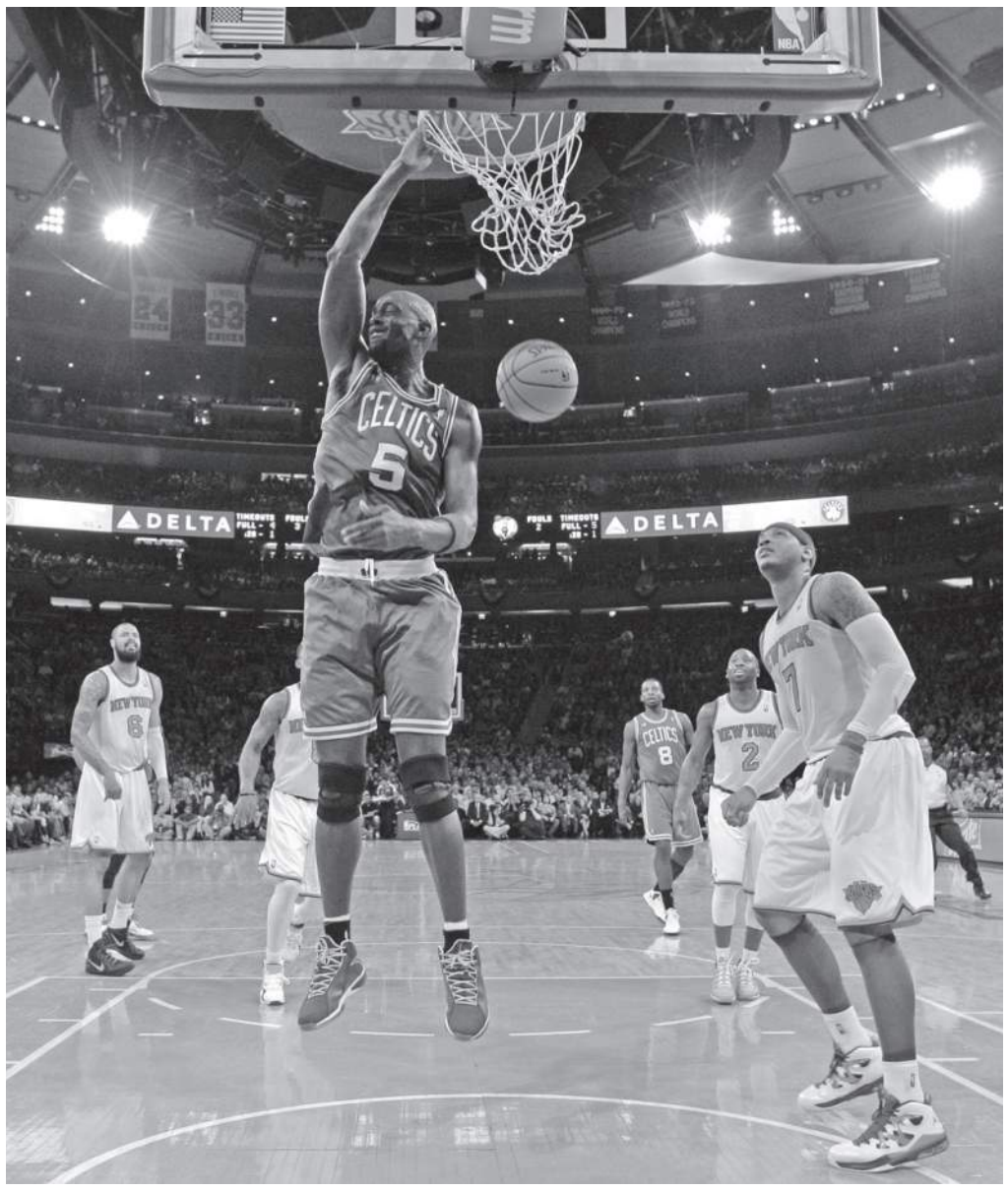
The Knicks limited the Celtics to 75 points per game while winning the first three, and nearly came back to win Game 4 on Sunday even without Smith. So they felt good even after missing their first chance to wrap it up, when Anthony was 10 of 35 in an overtime loss.

Point guard Raymond Felton said the Knicks still feel in control of the series "for sure."

"I mean, this is what playoff basketball is about. Yes, we wish we could have swept them, yes we wish we could have won that game tonight. Sometimes things don't happen that way," he added. "Things aren't always pretty, things aren't always the way you want them to be. We've just got to grind it out and go get a win."

Though few of these players were here for the streak, the Knicks were perhaps a bit overconfident leading into the game for a franchise that lost an NBA-record 13 straight postseason games from 2001-12.

Smith said Tuesday he'd have been playing golf instead of practicing had he played in Game 4, and players wore black to the game Wednesday as if they were heading to the Celtics' "funeral."



AP

Boston Celtics center Kevin Garnett (5) dunks in front of New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony (7) as center Tyson Chandler (6) and guard Raymond Felton (2) watch in the first half of Game 5 of their first-round NBA basketball playoff series at Madison Square Garden in New York, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

The Celtics didn't like it, with reserve Jordan Crawford exchanging words with Anthony and Raymond Felton after the final buzzer.

Forget the funeral. The Celtics are still very much alive.

"Well, we was going to a funeral, but it looks like we got buried," Smith said. "Basketball is a very humbling game."

Smith finally made a 3-pointer to end his drought, and then another cut what had been a 15-point Boston lead to 88-83 with 1:05 remaining. But Garnett made a jumper, then knocked down two free throws to clinch it.

The Knicks were just 5 of 22 from 3-point range, which looked worse until Smith hit three late ones.

The Sixth Man of the Year received a loud ovation when he went to check in during the first quarter, but heard a few boos by the third. They will likely be deafening on Friday, the kind usually reserved in Boston for a Lakers player.

By the time Anthony drove right into the middle of the lane for a dunk that made it 11-0, the Celtics already had three turnovers. But Bass made a pair of free throws and then a dunk to settle them down. He added five more points in the period as Boston climbed within 22-20 even though Pierce missed all six shots in a scoreless 12 minutes.

He made a 3-pointer shortly after returning from a break in the second, and another gave the Celtics their first lead at 34-33 with 5:46 remaining in the half. Then Garnett had two baskets in an 8-0 run that gave Boston a 42-37 advantage, and the Celtics walked off at halftime to mostly stunned silence within Madison Square Garden with a 45-39 lead.

The second halves had belonged to the Knicks in the series, but the Celtics remained steady in the third quarter, opening a 69-60 lead on Terry's 3-pointer with 41 seconds left, and pushed it to 75-60 early in the fourth.

Pacers 106, Hawks 83

In Indianapolis, David West scored 24 points and Paul George had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead Indiana to a 3-2 series lead.

The Pacers have all won three home games in the best-of-seven series and are 5-0 at home this season against the Hawks. They'll go to Atlanta on Friday with a chance to clinch the best-of-seven series. But the Hawks have won 13 straight at home against the Pacers, including both games in this series.

Atlanta was led by Josh Smith and Al Horford, who each had 14 points. And it was every bit as ugly as the Hawks' first two double-digit losses in Indy.

Indiana took the lead for good midway through the second quarter and opened the third period on a 12-3 run to make it 62-46. The Pacers put it away when the Hawks lost their composure.

Rockets 107, Thunder 100

In Oklahoma City, James Harden scored 31 points and sank seven 3-pointers while fighting through flu-like symptoms, and the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 107-100 Wednesday night to pull within 3-2 in their first-round playoff series.

Harden made the first seven 3s he tried and Houston led by as many as 16 before fending off a rally that Oklahoma City helped stymie with its own strategy.

The Thunder, apparently doubting they could overcome an eight-point lead on their home court without Russell Westbrook, resorted to intentionally fouling Omer Asik—a 54 percent career foul shooter—with 5:33 to play. Asik went 8 for 12 from the line, extending Houston's lead to 101-92 with 3:53 remaining before Oklahoma City gave up the tactic.

Kevin Durant finished with 36 points for Oklahoma City, which must now travel to Houston for Game 6 on Friday night.

Damian Lillard is NBA Rookie of the Year

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—It's unanimous: Damian Lillard is the NBA's Rookie of the Year.

No, it never was in question.

Lillard, the sixth overall pick in last June's draft out of Weber State, led all rookies with a 19-point scoring average. He also averaged 6.1 assists and 3.1 rebounds, playing in all 82 games this season.

He broke Stephen Curry's rookie record for 3-pointers in a season, finishing with 185, and became just the third NBA rookie with at least 1,500 points and 500 assists, following Oscar Robertson and Alan Iverson.

And he swept all six of the league's Rookie of the Month awards this season.

"I can't stop smiling," Lillard said when he was awarded the Eddie Gottlieb Trophy on Wednesday.

Lillard is the fourth player in league history to win the Rookie of the Year unanimously, joining Blake Griffin in 2011, David Robinson in 1990 and Ralph Sampson in 1984.

All season Lillard has been winning accolades from across the league.

"He's fantastic, really fantastic," Kobe Bryant said after the two squared off in a game earlier this month. "A lot of players get hot, but he's got the moves, the patience, intelligence, the balance on his jumpers. He's the real deal."

Utah Jazz forward DeMarre Carroll is also a fan.

"He's a complete player," Carroll said. "He's a young guy but you've got to give him credit, he plays hard and the team really relies on him. He's not afraid to take the big shot. The sky's the limit."

At the ceremony to announce the award at the Rose Garden Arena, the smartly dressed guard spoke about his upbringing in Oakland and how it shaped him as a hard-working player.

He was disappointed when he broke his foot to start his junior season at Weber State, because he had hopes of jumping to the NBA. He redshirted, and came back the next season to earn All-American honors. He was voted the Big Sky's Most Valuable Player.

When he let Weber State know he was going pro, Lillard announced his first goal was to win Rookie of the Year.

"I came out and I proved it up," said the 6-foot-3 guard, who was proclaimed the team's franchise point guard from the start by Blazers general manager Neil Olshey.

"I know that Damian's best days are ahead of him," Olshey said Wednesday. "This is the first step in a bright future."

Lillard is the fourth Blazer to win the Rookie of the Year award, joining Geoff Petrie (1971), Sidney Wicks (1972) and Brandon Roy (2007).

"The thing you love about him more than anything else is he plays with a chip on his shoulder," Toronto Raptors coach Dwane Casey said: "He's one of those underdogs who went to a small school who is out to prove to everybody he's an NBA player."

Lillard has made a point of being active in the Portland community with an anti-bullying campaign. More than 6,000 fans have signed a pledge to help end bullying as part of his "Respect" program.

"He was never satisfied," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said of Lillard. "He had well-deserved accolades throughout the season. He had milestones throughout the season. He was never satisfied."

Indeed, Lillard was already thinking about what's next. "I think the best thing for me is to take it all in," he said. "Then tomorrow I've got to let it go. I've got my whole career in front of me.

Blue Jays have no answer for Red Sox ace Buchholz

TORONTO (AP) — Clay Buchholz pitched seven shutout innings to earn his major league-leading sixth win and Mike Napoli hit two of Boston's five home runs as the Red Sox routed the Toronto Blue Jays 10-1 on Wednesday.

Stephen Drew hit a two-run shot in the second inning and Napoli went back-to-back with Daniel Nava in the fourth as the Red Sox won their majors-best 19th game.

Napoli hit a solo shot in the fourth, followed that with a three-run shot in the seventh and also doubled in the ninth. He now has six homers and leads the majors with 21 extra-base hits.

Buchholz (6-0) allowed two hits, walked three and struck out eight, improving to 7-0 in his past eight starts at Toronto. The right-hander lowered his ERA to an AL-best 1.01.

Blue Jays left-hander Mark Buehrle (1-2) surrendered three home runs for the second straight start and has allowed nine home runs in six starts this season for the Blue Jays, who have lost seven of their last nine games. Buehrle gave up five runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

White Sox 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Conor Gillaspie and Alejandro De Aza homered in the seventh inning and Chicago ended a three-game losing streak with a win over Texas.

Chris Sale (3-2) settled down after a rough second inning to make it through seven. The left-hander struck out seven and walked two.

Texas managed only two runs in the second despite a homer, three singles and a walk. Sale then faced only one batter over the minimum 15 the next five innings.

Gillaspie's homer leading off the seventh against rookie Nick Tepesch (2-2) broke a 2-all tie. Tyler Flowers snapped an 0-for-17 slide with a single before De Aza's fifth homer of the season.

Angels 5, Athletics 4

In Oakland, California, Mark Trumbo went deep for the third consecutive day, and Howie Kendrick and Mike Trout also homered as Los Angeles beat Oakland to end a four-game losing streak.

C.J. Wilson (3-0) remained undefeated despite a season-high five walks. He allowed two runs on six hits in 6 1-3 innings. Wilson struck out five and stranded six runners in scoring position.

Josh Donaldson, Nate Freiman and Luke Montz each had an RBI double for the A's, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Adam Rosales also drove in a run.

Tommy Milone (3-3) gave up four runs on seven hits over seven innings. He did not walk a batter and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts. Milone has lost three consecutive starts.

Yankees 5, Astros 4

In New York, Robinson Cano homered and Eduardo Nunez scored the tiebreaking run after a sixth-inning double to send New York past Houston.

Ben Francisco hit his first home run for New York and three relievers supplied spotless work after fill-in starter David Phelps wasted a four-run lead.

With the score tied 4-all, Nunez doubled down the left-field line against Paul Clemens (1-1) to begin the sixth. Nunez advanced on a wild pitch and, with one out and runners at the corners, Wesley Wright was brought in to face Ichiro Suzuki, who put the Yankees ahead with a groundout.

Boone Logan (2-1) got the win and Mariano Rivera closed for his 11th consecutive save.

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Twins 6, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Scott Diamond pitched six solid innings as Minnesota got to Anibal Sanchez early in a win over Detroit that snapped the Tigers' five-game winning streak.

Sanchez (3-2) was coming off a 17-strikeout performance against Atlanta, and he fanned five in the first two innings against the Twins — but Minnesota scored two runs in the first and another in the second. Diamond (2-2) didn't allow a hit until Jhonny Peralta's single in the fifth.

The Tigers fought back after trailing 3-0, but reliever Bruce Rondon allowed two more runs in the seventh to make it 5-2. Chris Parmelee hit a solo homer in the eighth.

Indians 6, Phillies 0

In Cleveland, Ryan Raburn tied a career high with four hits and Trevor Bauer allowed one hit in five strong innings for his first AL win as Cleveland beat Philadelphia.

Raburn drove in two runs with a single in the third and a double in the fifth. He has 12 hits in his last 14 at-bats, totaling four homers, nine RBIs and five runs scored in the last four games.

The Indians have won a season-high four straight, outscoring their opponents 39-5 in that span.

Bauer (1-1), called up from Triple-A Columbus before the game, walked six while striking out five and combined with four relievers for the shutout.

Cliff Lee (2-2) allowed five runs in six innings for the Phillies.

Nationals 2, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Jordan Zimmermann turned in another dominant performance, allowing two hits over eight innings, and Ian Desmond hit a two-run homer in the fourth as the Washington Nationals finally beat the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves had won five in a row this season over their NL East rival, and nine straight dating to last season.

Zimmermann (5-1) made sure that streak ended with another dominating performance, snapping a three-game losing streak that had knocked the Nationals under .500.

Atlanta starter Paul Maholm (3-3) nearly matched Zimmermann. He allowed only three hits in eight innings, retiring the last 13 batters he faced.

Pirates 6, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Starling Marte hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth inning and Brandon Inge had a go-ahead RBI single to rally Pittsburgh to a victory over Milwaukee, snapping the Pirates' nine-game losing streak against the Brewers.

Pedro Alvarez added a run-scoring single to cap a four-run eighth as Pittsburgh won for the 10th time in its last 15 games and ended Milwaukee's eight-game home winning streak.

Bryan Morris (1-1) got the last two outs of the seventh for his first career victory. Mark Melancon pitched the eighth and Jason Grilli the ninth for his 11th save.

Cardinals 4, Reds 2

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn won his 10th straight decision, allowing one run and five hits in seven innings to lead the Cardinals over the Reds.

Lynn (5-0) struck out five and walked two, improving to 10-0 in 10 starts and one relief appearing since losing to Milwaukee on Sept. 7.

It's the second straight quick start for Lynn, who was 6-0 with a 1.48 ERA through May 7 last season, then went 12-7 with a 4.46 ERA the rest of the way.

Mets 7, Marlins 6

In Miami, Jordany Valdespin hit a three-run, pinch-homer as the Mets rallied to break a six-game losing streak and avert a series sweep, beating the Marlins.

The Mets' dormant offense finally came alive after they fell behind 4-1. Valdespin put New York ahead to stay in the sixth inning with his second homer, and NL RBIs leader John Buck added a two-run double in the seventh.

Buck and David Wright each had three of New York's 13 hits. Wright hit his third homer for the Mets, who totaled only 11 runs during their losing streak.

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Guerrero likes chances of giving Mayweather loss

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BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Floyd Mayweather Jr. admitted this week what many have long suspected—that he hand picks every opponent who enters the ring with him.

He also decides how much they get paid and what the contract details will be. So Robert Guerrero was somewhat prepared when Mayweather picked him to be the opponent for his first fight in a year Saturday night at the MGM Grand hotel.

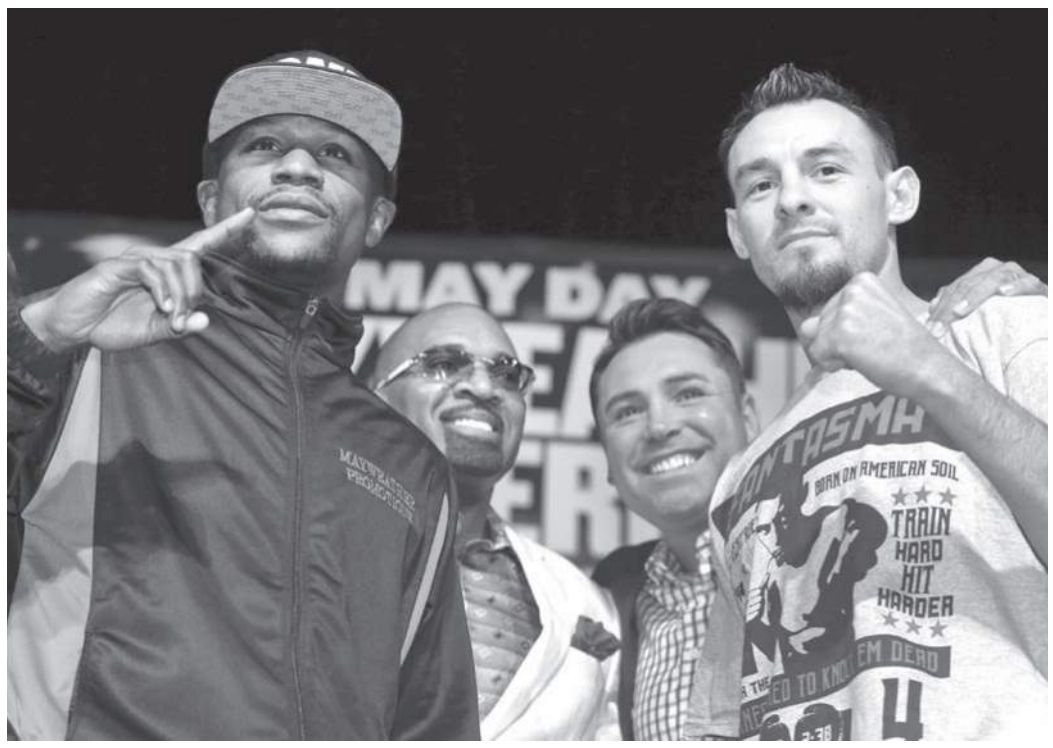
What he wasn't prepared for was what Mayweather's camp insisted on putting in the contract.

"He asked for a rematch clause. That was the very first thing," Guerrero said. "It just shows me where his head is at."

Where Mayweather's head is at has, of course, been the topic of many conversations over the years. When he fought last May against Miguel Cotto the worry among his fans was that he would be distracted by an upcoming jail sentence, though that turned out to be unfounded.

Talk to Mayweather now, and his head seems to be fine. So, too, are his reflexes at the age of 36, at least judged by a sparring session last week where he practiced landing right hand leads against a fighter mimicking Guerrero's southpaw style.

He has to lose sometime because nearly every fighter not named Rocky Marciano lost at some point in their career. But Mayweather has a new six-fight television deal that should cement his status as the world's highest paid athlete, and he doesn't seem terribly concerned about a loss or a possible rematch of their welterweight title fight.



AP

Boxers Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Robert Guerrero, right, pose for photographers with Mayweather's adviser, Leonard Ellerbe, second from left, and Oscar De La Hoya, during a news conference, Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in Las Vegas.

"I've done this my whole life," Mayweather said. "This is what I love to do."

Though Mayweather sees Guerrero as just the latest opponent for yet another huge payday, Guerrero sees things quite differently. He believes he is the fighter who will be the first to beat Mayweather, and he's eager to earn both the recognition and the money that would come with such a win.

At the final pre-fight press conference Wednesday he said Mayweather made a mistake by picking him as an opponent.

"They talk about this as Floyd Mayweather's home," Guerrero said. "Well, this is a home invasion."

Oddsmakers don't share Guerrero's confidence, making the former champion in three weight classes a decided underdog in the biggest fight of his career. But the once-beaten (31-1-1) fighter from Gilroy, Calif., said he's been underestimated his entire career.

"The only thing that means something is what you do in that ring," he said. "I just can't wait to get in that ring."

Both fighters were on their best behavior at their final press conference, though their fathers almost mixed it up. Floyd Mayweather Sr. and Ruben Guerrero—who both train their sons—exchanged words after Reuben Guerrero went into a rant about Mayweather being a woman beater for the altercation with the mother of his children that got him jailed for 70 days last year.

There is an undercurrent of hostility between the fighters, too, with Mayweather suggesting Guerrero—who talks openly about his faith—is a hypocrite for getting busted in a New York gun charge while promoting the fight. Mayweather also said that Guerrero used his wife's fight with leukemia—she is now healthy—to gain fans and sympathy for himself.

"It's laughable," Guerrero said. "I don't need sympathy, I come to fight. Sympathy doesn't win fights."

Though Mayweather is unbeaten in 43 fights and has been a pay-per-view star since his 2007 win over Oscar De La Hoya, he has been fighting professionally for 17 years and is getting to an age that historically fighters have had trouble with. The fact he's fought only four times since beating Ricky Hatton more than five years ago and has not fought in a year leads some in boxing to believe he may have as much trouble with ring rust as he has with Guerrero.

There are signs, too, that perhaps his appeal is fading, though Mayweather would argue that his fan base is bigger than ever. Seats are still readily available for the fight at the MGM arena, and the All Access shows promoting the fight on Showtime have generated little buzz.

A documentary on Mayweather's life that aired last Saturday in primetime on Showtime's sister network, CBS, also drew miserable ratings.

Still, Mayweather—who acts as his own promoter—insists the promotion is going well and people will tune in at home, even at a suggested retail price of $69.95. Mayweather's win over Cotto last May drew 1.5 million pay-per-view buys, his biggest sales since he and De La Hoya combined for a record 2.5 million.

"I think everything is playing out like it should play out," Mayweather said. "I'm ready to go out there and perform.

KENSUKE

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2:14:09 in the 200m butterfly (July 25, 2003) and the 2:16:56 (July 25, 2003) and 4:50.31 (July 1, 2003) in the 200m and 400m individual medley, respectively. Rezne Wong completes the list of record holders in the 15 to 16 age group with his 2:34.84 in the 200m breaststroke tallied on March 29, 2007.

Meanwhile, Kimura will compete in another tournament in Guam this weekend. He and Mikky Tammy were invited to join the GSF Pentathlon and they will be participating in the 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, and 200M IM. Tomorrow's pentathlon is only for swimmers with B time in the 200 IM and will feature four age group competitions—the U12, 13-14, 15-16, and open.

NMIFA

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better than its rival in the games against Chinese-Taipei and China. Versus Chinese-Taipei, the Commonwealth youth strikers gave up only two goals, while Guam allowed the latter five goals. China scored 14 goals against Guam and only seven versus the CNMI, which bowed to South Korea in the opener, 0-13, before making a major adjustment in its second game against Chinese-Taipei.

"I was very pleased with the team's performance versus Chinese-Taipei, playing as a unit and defending with intention. The team looked great, played strong only losing 0-2 and carried the momentum into the Guam match, winning in a dogfight," Noetzel said.

Sunjoon Tenorio made the winning goal off an assist from Edwin Kim, but Noetzel also gave credit to keeper Christopher Aninzo.

"Chris Aninzo was definitely my 'man of the match,' posting a shutout and making some world class saves. Guam's technical director said to me after reviewing the match that poor goalkeeping had cost them the game and great goalkeeping had secured our victory. After the goal was scored, we moved into a more defensive formation and finished out the second half without conceding the equalizer," the NMIFA official said.

After standing his ground against Guam, Aninzo took a backseat in their last game, as Clayton Izuka started against China and made an impressive performance in his AFC debut.

"China was a tough match because of the technical ability of the Chinese players. Clayton Izuka debuted in goal and had a stellar first half with two monumental saves among many others. Only 0-2 at half time, thanks to Clayton. Unfortunately our boys were tired and the relentless attack of China finally began to open up gaps in the CNMI defense, resulting in five unanswered second half goals," the technical director said.

Despite their loss to the host, Noetzel said the team made a good impression in Beijing.

"The team played as well an O [offense] had ever seen them play together in the last four months. They were eager to attack the ball and players leading to less time on the ball for the Taipei players who were having a tough time adjusting to such high-pressure defense. Korea was the best team there by a country mile—bigger, faster, stronger with more tactical experience as well. Our boys played their best for seeing that level of competition for the first time in their lives as well as facing them in the first match. We improved our defending for match 2 after a video review," Noetzel said.

"We are extremely proud of all the boys for their hard work and persistence. Also, for the great teamwork and job done by the coaching staff, team manager Derek Chambers, and team doctor Gary Ramsey, as well as the gold star support from the NMIFA front office Roxe Lazaro and Gigi Zapanta in cooperation with Marilou Gariguez and Gen Angeles of Tan Holdings," he added.

Noetzel was joined in Beijing by head coach Wai Wo "Jacky" Lee and assistant coach Jershwin Angeles, while other members of the squad were Alex Park, Joshua Abragan, Steve Martin, Euly James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, David Mafnas, Cody Leon, Joshua De Leon, Louie Bryle Calayag, Emmanuel Aniana, Mareko Tekopua, Jherico Tiamzon, Albert Bergancia, Cole Chambers, Won Kwan Kim, Logan Mister, and Anthony Fruit.

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Josue Cruz, Zachariah Hofschneider, Darshae Camacho, Nikkie Quichocho, Adam and Allen Cabrera , and Jayron Epity. The 41 students made the grade during a qualifying tournament Northern Marianas Athletics officials conducted on Tinian last Saturday.

In the boys U8 60m run, Ikehara and Hossain notched the two slots after clocking in at 11.45 seconds and 12.27 seconds, respectively. In the girls division, Carreon submitted 9.93 second, while Esteban posted 10.98 seconds to gain qualifying slots. The four U8 students also qualified for the 100m run and vortex throw, while Marc is only made the grade in the vortex throw.

In the boys U10 age group, King ruled the 60m qualifier with his 9.97 second and is joined by Jeremiah Hofschneider, who logged 10.37 seconds. Danganan and Borja clinched tickets in the girls divisions after recording 10.16 and 10.4 seconds, respectively. They also earned entries to the 100m run and the vortez throw with Epity and Untalan.

In the U12 division, Joshua Hofschneider's 14.94 seconds and 8.97 seconds in the 100m and 60m runs made the grade and he will be joined by Quichocho, Cruz, and Rosimo in the same sprint events. They will also compete in the vortex throw, along with Joseph King and Acollador.

In the junior high division (U14 age group), Cing and Elton Hofschneider bagged the two slots in the 60m run with their 7.23 seconds and 7.54 seconds, respectively, while Anore qualified in the 800m (3:00.3) and 1,500m (6:05.3) races. Manglona also earned a ticket to the Saipan trip with his 14:11.3 in the 3,000m race, while Elton Hofschneider, Pangelinan, and Anore made the grade in the long jump and javelin throw. Cing will also participate in the long jump, while Manglona will join the javelin.

In the high school division, Adam Cabrera, Ayuyu, and Darsha Camacho received slots for the 60m run; Darsha and Darshae Camacho in the 400m; Ayuyu, Sandbergen, Lizama, Darsha Camacho, and Marquez in the 800m; and Adam Cabrera, Epity, and Lizama in the 1,500m race.

In the long jump and javelin, Tinian High School will be represented by Ayuyu, Sanchez, Jarvis King, Sandbergen, Allen and Adam Cabrera, Epity, Cruz, Marquez, and the Camacho siblings. The same boys students also earned the mark in the discus and shot put throws, while the Camacho sisters and Quichocho gained qualifying tickets in discus.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	8	.704	_
New York	17	10	.630	2
Baltimore	16	12	.571	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	12	15	.444	7
Toronto	10	18	.357	9 1/2

Central Division

Kansas City	15	10	.600	_
Detroit	15	11	.577	1/2
Minnesota	12	12	.500	2 1/2
Cleveland	12	13	.480	3
Chicago	11	15	.423	4 1/2

West Division

Texas	17	10	.630	_
Oakland	16	13	.552	2
Seattle	13	17	.433	5 1/2
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	7
Houston	8	20	.286	9 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	17	10	.630	_
Washington	14	14	.500	3 1/2
Philadelphia	12	16	.429	5 1/2
New York	11	15	.423	5 1/2
Miami	8	20	.286	9 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	16	11	.593	_
Pittsburgh	16	12	.571	1/2
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1 1/2
Cincinnati	15	14	.517	2
Chicago	11	16	.407	5

West Division

Colorado	17	11	.607	_
San Francisco	16	12	.571	1
Arizona	15	13	.536	2
Los Angeles	13	14	.481	3 1/2
San Diego	10	17	.370	6 1/2

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Docomo, Hoops share lead

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Docomo Pacific and the Hoopaholics are tied for the early lead in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League after recording contrasting wins last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Docomo clobbered Kanoa Resort in the second game, 96-58, while the Hoops rallied past Kalayaan, Inc., 79-75, in the opening match of the night.

The Hoops, which improved to a 2-0 record, leaned on their big men to eke out the 4-point win over Kalayaan, Inc. Ben Lisua scored 19 points, while Kelvin Fitial added 10, and Mel Manibusan chipped in 11. Lisua nailed 10 of his total markers in the fourth canto, which started with the Hoops behind by 8, 34-42. Manibusan also helped out in the fourth-quarter assault, nailing 7 points, while Fitial and Maverick Itibus made 4 markers apiece.

Kalayaan (1-1) lost the lead and the game when it nailed only 13 points in the final canto and top gun Lerio Pagarao was held to one field goal and saddled by foul trouble. Before the start of the final canto, Pagarao had already fired 24 points. Kalayaan, which led by twin digits at the end of the first canto, 26-16, was limited to four field goals in the payoff period.

In the second game, Docomo's firepower was simply too much for the depleted Kanoa crew, who played without its two key recruits and lost another offensive threat in the second quarter as Preston Basa got injured.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Docomo Pacific's Tim Wesley pulls up for a running shot against Kanoa Resort's John March Ong during the third quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With Kanoa's limited scoring option, Docomo had the game in the bag as early as the first half where it led, 48-30. The lead ballooned to as high as 40 points in the fourth quarter with Marlon Sison hitting his target from downtown and Tim Wesley and Bruce Berline doing the damage in the paint.

Sison top-scored for Docomo's second win in as many games with his 17 points, 15 of them came from triples. Wesley, Berline, and Elgene Mangali contributed 15 apiece, while Condrad Sablan logged 12 in the lopsided victory.

First Game

Hoopaholics 79 – Lisua 21, Fitial 19, Manibusan 11, Itibus 11, Diaz 7, Sablan 2, Tenorio 2.

Kalayaan, Inc. 75 – Pagarao 26, Lerio 12, Herrerra 6, Caro 6, Camacho 6, J. Hernandez 4, Ritual 2, Tibayan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-16, 42-34, 54-62, 79-75.

Second Game

Docomo Pacific 96 – Sison 17, Mangali 15, Berline 15, Wesley 15, Sanciangco 10, Paraiso 8, Alvarez 6, Tudela 2.

Kanoa Resort 58—Tenepere 19, Bahillo 17, Mejia 9, Valdez 8, Basa 2, Ong 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-13, 48-30, 67-43, 96-58.

San Roque slips past Chinatown in OT

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San Roque Bandits outlasted Chinatown in overtime, 89-87, during the second game in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Angelo Fernando missed the first half of action before reporting for duty in the final half and making crucial free throws to give the Bandits their second win in three games. Fernando made two free throws in regulation to send the game into overtime and then had a split in overtime to lead San Roque's come-from-behind win.

Chinatown led by as much as 14 points in the second quarter, 38-24, and had several chances of winning the match in both the regulation and extension, but muffed multiple attempts.

In the fourth quarter after Fernando canned two charities that evened up the match, 77-all, Chinatown pulled up for three attempts in the paint, but missed all. Then in overtime after a McClain Achas' undergoal stab put San Roque on top, 88-87, and Fernando added a free throw for a shaky 2-point lead, Chinatown was left with 16 seconds to orchestrate a play, but also faltered on numerous attempts.

Fernando went on to top-score for San Roque with his 23 points, while Mike Achas chipped in 16 and Robert Guiang and McClain Achas contributed 14 and 10, respectively.

Paul Quizon led Chinatown's sorry loss with his 20 markers.

GHD 59, Mawati 51

In the first game, GHD (2-1) is back on the winning column after edging Mawati (1-2).

GHD recovered from a lackluster offense in the third quarter to foil Mawati's bid for win No. 1 after prevailing it its debut match over Yuichiro last week.

GHD was ahead by 10 at the break, 29-19, but lost the driver's seat at the end of the third canto, 37-38, after scoring only 8 points. Omar Ajoste and J.P. Villanueva made two field goals apiece for GHD in the third canto, while Mawati got points from five different players to stole the lead.

However, Mawait failed to keep its momentum in the fourth, as Villanueva sizzled in the payoff canto, nailing GHD's first 10 points in that period. Villanueva's three other teammates also helped out in the final half of the fourth frame to secure the win.

Villanueva finished with a game-high 27 points, while Guntar had 23 for Mawati.

First Game

GHD 59 – Villanueva 27, Bahillo 19, Ajoste 6, Bautista 6, R. Ferrer 5, Aranda 4.

Mawati 51 – Guntar 23, Reyes 10, Larot 5, Carrera 4, Enriquez 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-9, 29-19, 37-38, 59-51.

Second Game

San Roque Bandits 89 – Fernando 23, Achas 16, Guiang 14, Mc. Achas 10, Gapor 4, Salazar 3, Pineda 2, Delos Reyes 2.

Chinatown 87 – Quizon 20, Norita 17, Chan 12, Zapanta 12, Mancao 11, Brel 10, Lapuz 4.

Scoring by quarters: 19-17, 28-40, 52-57, 77-77, 89-87.

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Two San Roque Bandits defenders challenge the shot of Chinatown's Paul Quizon during the first quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Weightlifting group revived, gets support

The Northern Marianas Weightlifting Association has been revived and is now a member of the International Weightlifting Federation and the Oceania Weightlifting Federation.

The NMWA is now under the leadership of John Mario, who was elected president, while Eric MacDuff was selected general secretary. The group, which was dormant for about a decade, was revived after Oceania Weightlifting Federation general secretary Paul Coffa visited the island early this year and encouraged the CNMI to be active again in weightlifting.

Once the NMWA was revived, it sought membership from two groups and through the help of the $500 donation from Marianas Strength Gym, the local association managed to pay membership fees to IWF.

"NMWA wanted to thank Marianas Strength Gym for donating $500 to help the club become a member of the International Weightlifting Federation," Mario said.

Meanwhile, NMWA is calling all interested individuals to visit Marianas Strength Gym in Garapan to try and join its training sessions from 5pm to 7pm on weekdays.

According to Mario, for the past few months some of their athletes have been training very hard for upcoming off-island competitions, like the Oceania tournament in Brisbane, Australia in July.

"These athletes have put so much time and effort to prepare themselves and represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island in these competitions. Because we need fund to send these athletes to off-island tournaments, NMWA might need to fund raise for their expenses and we hope that we find sponsors to help NMWA help these athletes," Mario added.

For more information about NMWA, contact Mario at porifodu@yahoo.com. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

SPORTS BRIEFS

Saipan international fishing tourney set for July

The 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament will get underway on July 13 and 14 with participating boats launching from the designated launching points of Smiling Cove Marina and Garapan Fishing Base. The organizing Saipan Fishermen's Association said entrance fee is $150 per boat for a captain and two crewmembers. Additional crewmen will be charged $25 each. As always, the type of fishing is trolling and participants must have their boats inspected by the Division Boating Safety first before being allowed to join the derby. For appointment, call Boating Safety at 664-9180/1/2. Launching times are 6am and 8am at Smiling Cove Marina and Garapan Fishing Base. After 8am, participating boats can only launch from the Smiling Cove Marina. ***(PR)***

Escape from Managaha tomorrow

The Saipan Swim Club will hold its the 10th Annual Escape from Managaha tomorrow, May 4. The 2.4-kilometer event will have swimmers cross the channel between Micro Beach and Managaha Island. While early registration already ended interested swimmers could still join on a space available basis in the morning of the event. Participants should be at the Smiling Cove boat ramp near DPS Boating and Safety by 5:30am, as the race will start at 6:30am. Wet suits, fins, snorkels, paddles and buoys are allowed, but swimmers must be able to make it through the channel by 7:30am. ***(PR)***

CFL Sharks vs Guam selection tomorrow

The Commonwealth Football League Sharks will take on a team from Guam's Budweiser Football League tomorrow, May 4, 1pm at the CPA Airport Field. The Sharks is an adult tackle football team (18 years of age and above) representing the revived CFL. The team from Guam, meanwhile, will comprise of members of Guam's Budweiser league. The CFL would like to thank the following sponsors in helping to make this game a reality. They are Marpac, Tan Holdings (TSL Foundation), Saipan Stevedore, CMS, IP&E, IT&E, and Saipan Apparel. ***(PR)***

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Kensuke crushes two records

Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura competes in a 100m butterfly swim of a local meet early this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kensuke Kimura shattered two age group marks when he competed in the Guam Swimming Federation Invitational Meet late last month in Hagatna.

The records—the 1:01.05 and 27.57 seconds in the 100m and 50m butterfly swims—were approved and made official on April 29, according to an email Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation president John Hirsh sent to Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura last Monday.

Kimura crushed the second oldest record in the boys 15 to 16 age group, as his 1:01.05 in the 100m butterfly broke the nearly 10-year mark of Saipan Swim Club's Dean Palacios. Palacios timed in at 1:01.99 in the same event on July 25, 2003. The oldest records in the 15 to 16 age group belonged to SSC's Jonathan Sakovich, who clocked in at 54.44 seconds in the 100m freestyle, 4:21.07 in the 400m freestyle, and 17:41.15 in the 1,500m freestyle on May 5, 1987.

In the 50m butterfly, 16-year-old Kimura eclipsed the 28.04 seconds Kai Staal submitted on July 26, 2009 during the 13th FINA World Champions in Rome, Italy.

With Kimura setting two new records, he now owns the most marks in his age group with six, surpassing the four of Staal. His four other records are in the 800m freestyle (9:12.98) created on Jan. 21, 2012; 200m backstroke (2:19.12) logged on Jan. 19, 2013; 100m backstroke (1:05.33) made on March 23, 2013; and 100m breaststroke (1:12:03) posted also on March 23, 2013.

Staal still holds the age group marks in the 50m freestyle (24.76 seconds), 200m freestyle (2:02.98), 50m backstroke (29.75 seconds), and the 50m breaststroke (31.90 seconds). Palacios, with his 100m butterfly record shattered, is now down to three marks—the

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NMIFA sees AFC win a breakthrough

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association believes that the CNMI U14 National Team's victory in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers will inspire future youth teams in keeping the Commonwealth's winning ways in off-island competitions.

"The standard has been set and we want to make winning a part of our youth culture and not a one-off occurrence that repeats itself only 1 in 10 games," NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel, who was also the goalkeeper coach of the team that pulled off a 1-0 upset over Guam in last week's qualifier held in Beijing, China.

"The tournament participation was vital to youth development in CNMI football, and the Guam win was astronomic in terms of what can be accomplished mentally and physically by our youth, internationally, especially when you factor in the staggering disparity in player numbers, coaches, and resources available to NMIFA as compared to GFA," he added.

The CNMI finished fourth in the qualifier, not only beating Guam, but also performing

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Members of the CNMI U14 National Team huddle before starting their practice session in Beijing, China last week.

41 Tinian students qualify for All Schools

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Forty-one students will represent Tinian in the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships that will be held next week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The list include Tinian Elementary School's Toshi Ikehara, Ismail Hossain, Pritzel Carreon, Angela Esteban, Jared King, Jeremiah Hofschneider, Charlene Danganan, Drewena Borja, Joshua Hofschneider, Edward Quichocho, Zandrea Cruz, Chelsea Rosimo, Leorich Epity, Joelina Untalan, Joseph King, and Akiko Acollador.

Also earning slots to the May 8 to 10 tournament are Tinian High School's Paul Daniel Ayuyu, Henry Sandbergen, Joseph Lizama, Nicholle Marquez, and Darsha Camacho as well as Tinian Junior High School's Michael Naputi, Ace Pangelinan, Peter Anore, Elton Hofschneider, Peter Manglona, William Cing, Francisco Sanchez, K.J. Nabors, Jarvis King,

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A student from Tinian Elementary School competes in the long jump qualifier for 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships last Saturday on Tinian.